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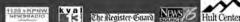
















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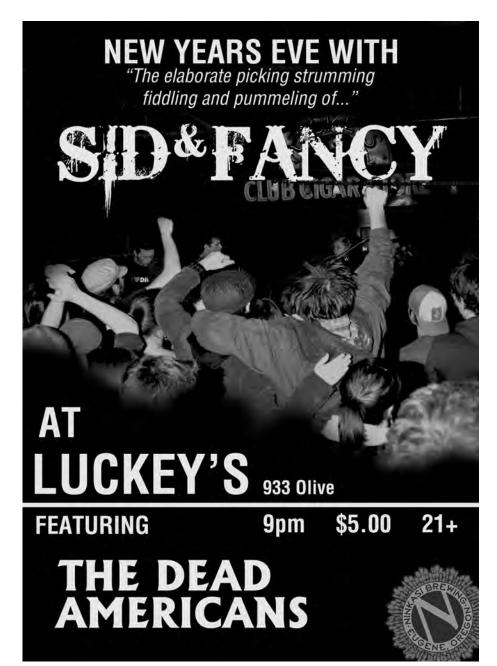
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### **Smoke and Tentacles**

Examining the EPD's internal quandary

he controversy over the police auditor and the Civilian Review Board (CRB) has come to involve so many persons of authority and consequence, including the voters of Eugene, in viewpoints both

positive and negative, that I feel compelled to weigh in. I submit that the most important issue on the November ballot for the well-being of Eugene was the passage of Measure 20-146.

Every police department, everywhere in the world, has its own unique departmental personality, developed gradually from its inception through to the present. This personality does not evolve from the pious platitudes of founding ordinances or mission statements but rather from the real-life personalities of the men who were there originally, and later from the

men and women of the rank and file who followed. The common thread through all is a department's informal leadership – those who absorb the attitudes of their predecessors, modify them with their own attitudes and experiences, and then are strong enough to pass them on to the succeeding generation of officers.

Chiefs and captains, lieutenants and sergeants promoted from the ranks will usually conform to the mission statement and can have an influence. But unless they are stronger than the informal leadership, all they can do is legislate the actions of the rank and file when the rank and file is in their direct sight. Regardless of all the sensitivity training a troubled department can provide, the rank and file will not change the way they think and feel unless the informal leadership buys into it. From all indications, it appears that neither the formal nor informal leaderships of the Eugene Police Department bought into the establishment of a Police auditor and a CRB.

Police departments very basically fall into three categories. One is the highly motivated, service-oriented agency, where the needs of the community are first and foremost. The second is the occupation-type force with an "us against them" attitude toward the community and which does as little as possible while making every excuse as to why it canít provide better service. The third is a combination of the first two, where adequate service is provided albeit reluctantly, and there is a wary but accepted accommodation between the community and their police. Unfortunately, I see the Eugene Police Department (EPD) as falling into the second category. And under Chief Lehner it went deeper so by the day.

Lehner is gone now and, in my opinion, not a moment too soon. He came here at the tail end of the Magaña/Lara mess. He was saddled with an auditor and a Civilian Review Board, which he had previously opposed in Tucson. It is understandable that he may have felt this was an intrusion on his managerial prerogatives or even his integrity. However, it was the will of the people and the law.

Lehner's response was passive resistance and spite. He resisted all pleas for more patrol downtown with the usual "lack of manpower" excuse. Betty Snowden and other downtown merchants made a widely publicized demand at a City Council meeting for help to control the downtown mischief-makers. Just a few days later Lehner sent an eight-man traffic squad to the downtown area on the pretext of increased traffic violations. Sixty-seven people carrying on their legitimate downtown business were ticketed by the squad with mostly petty but expensive traffic violations. Not one of those 67 had Kool Aid hair or facial piercings or Goth clothing or the accourtements of the wandering homeless. That the squad was so zealous reflects the agreement of the informal leadership with Lehner's thinking. Then, as recent events have shown, the passive resistance turned into outright aggression and meanness, first by Lehner and then by the police union.

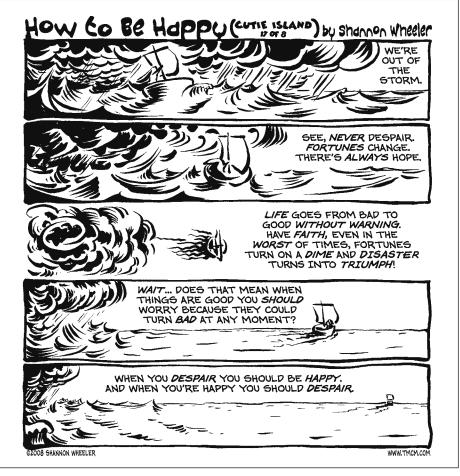
The prime argument against civilian review is that police are unique and cannot be understood by those who are without police training and experience. Therefore, according to this thinking, law enforcement should police itself, as do doctors and lawyers who also have unique training and experiences. Sounds good in theory but we all know how that sometimes doesn't work in those professions either. Doctors and lawyers have a hard time abusing the ethics of their profession without leaving a trail of some kind that can usually be followed to an actionable result. Seldom so in law enforcement.

The "police power" is a function of the state. It derives in antiquity from the very essence of the human social contract. In its utmost simplicity it has been defined as the maintenance of order. Anything that is out of order usually gets a look-see by a "police officer".

Under our form of government, the governor is the chief police officer of the state. Since he can't be everywhere, his police power is delegated to counties and municipalities, through their charters, for the efficiency of its control. Police officers are hired by these chartered subdivisions and sworn to their duties there, but they are really officers of the state.

No one, including the governor, can legally order a police officer *not* to make

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### **UNIVERSITY OF PHIL**

I was a student-athlete at a Division I school that finished well ahead of Oregon in the U.S. Sports Directors Cup last year. While my alma mater, subsequent to academics, made a commitment to national success in all sports a few years ago, it was solely the mission of the athletic department. It would appear that a similar athletic mission is being attempted at Oregon, but privately championed by Phil Knight.

With his connections and the power of his "gifts," Knight has successfully crippled the integrity of the school. In this day and age, collegiate athletics is a business, but why is it so blatant at UO? It reminds me of the outgoing administration and its relationship with Big Oil, which seems like an oxymoron given UO's liberal undertones. It is the responsibility of the administrators to make decisions with the school and its students first, but obviously the athletic department has become Phil's minion From the re-instatement of the baseball program (after OSU's success), the hiring of Lananna (congrats!), the gaudy football jerseys and marketing campaign (black?) to the new basketball arena, it all reeks of Phil. I am beginning to wonder if UO's acquisition of the White Stag building in Portland wasn't a brainchild of Phil's.

While I support alums giving back to their alma mater, I am disgusted with the addiction he has caused UO for his dollars. He clearly has a vested interest and personal agenda and shame on the school for compromising its standards.

Ethan McCoy Eugene

### **STUDLY BIKER**

Having purchased steel-studded snow tires for my Fisher mountain bike in 1992 — that have never had a single puncture, not one, in 16 years! — I have always been comfortable biking around Eugene in adverse weather, albeit a bit slower than usual. The motorists' behavior during

these recent storms has me surprised and delighted: Everybody has been so courteous, attentive and thoughtful when interfacing with this ol' biking fool!

I was riding up 29th Avenue this evening (12/16) in the right tire track of the lane as the bike lane was pretty mucked up with ice, snow, sand and leaves. I was followed the whole way up the hill by a motorist at a safe distance. When he passed me (slowly and leaving me a wide berth) he smiled and waved! My heart was warmed by this behavior. It's not how things usually are on the roads for this die-hard cyclist.

I hope it snows more! It's nice to feel considered by my fellow travelers!

Ken Silverman Eugene

### A TREASURE

Mary O'Brien's column, "Natural Resistance," has always been one of the best features of *EW*, and her most recent piece, "Songs of Childhood," reporting on her grandson Linus in the Dec. 11 issue, was a treasure.

Like Linus, her report was "more than a little bit wonderful." No gushing, no perseverating, as might be expected from a doting grandmother, but rather a portrait that conveyed Linus in all his wondrous and amusing glory.

Thank you, Mary O'Brien. And thanks, editors, for including the photo of Linus with banjo — a surefire lure for the browsing reader.

Tim and Judy Volem Eugene

### **GUN CONTROL IDEA**

Here is an idea for a compromise in the gun regulation debate. Legislate the Barney Fife Law: You can own as many guns as you want, but you only get one bullet.

Vince Loving Eugene

### LONE SHOEMAN

Online bloggers report that the Cleveland

Indians baseball team has dispatched agents to Baghdad with the intent to sign the young man who threw his shoes at President Bush.

Indians scouts were impressed by both pitches. The first — a tight curve — tailed down and sharply away from Bush's right ear. Only the president's quick reflexes prevented a called strike. The gallant lameduck was then dusted with a rising fastball that just missed his head.

The scouts say the kid has the chops to pitch in the majors.

"He's already shown the cool to take on the highest," said one. "And his pitch selection was simply awesome."

The scout spoke on conditions of anonymity, citing threats against the Indians by Homeland Security. "They think our interest in this young phenom is detrimental to the war effort," he whispered. "I don't know what their problem is — we haven't won a Series since '48, and America hasn't won a war since '45. We can help each other. If enough of these kids are out there, we could sign all of 'em and end this war by spring training. It's a win-win situation."

Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich offered to sponsor a congressional "ballout" for the Tribe, saying "the Yankees were seen in the Green Zone wearing 'Mission Accomplished' lapel buttons. So we need more funding!" He added: "A ball-out beats a bail-out any time! Balls, not bombs! It's time for America's – and the Indians' – long nightmare to come to an end."

Tom Erwin Springfield

### **UNKIND CUTS**

On Dec. 1, Gov. Kulongoski released his budget for 2009-2011 in which he proposed some large cuts in services for those citizens of Oregon who are seniors, disabled or both.

One of those proposed cuts would eliminate services to people receiving less than 80 hours per month of in-home care. While this type of care is recognized as the most cost-effective means of meeting the needs of the estimated 2500 citizens presently using such care, their needs will remain and will have to be met by means that will be more expensive in terms of Oregon's budget.

A second cut proposed by Kulongoski is to change the income level to be eligible for Oregon's Medicaid program to 150 percent of the federal poverty level of \$1,300 per month. People with incomes above \$1,300 would no longer be eligible for Medicaid, and this would be true even if these Oregon citizens have spent their entire life savings and are in need of significant care.

The most important of these three cuts would reduce funding for the Oregon Project Independence (OPI) by 40 percent. The purpose of OPI is to allow people to stay in their homes rather than to be forced to seek higher cost care elsewhere. This cut would force some people from the safety and security of living in their home and increase the cost to the taxpayers of Oregon of providing such needed care.

Dennis Shine Springfield

### THE COMMON GOOD

What exactly is it, which touches so

many about President-elect Barack Obama? He is appealing to our spiritual aspiration to work for the common good and the general welfare. We need to return these concepts to their rightful place in our society and the world. We must safeguard their dignity from the constant effort on the part of some to label even the slightest effort to aid or foster the common good or the general welfare as communism or socialism.

Working for the common good is a formula for demonstrating the principle of love. Love is the creative power of the human family. The common good never causes or brings harm to anyone or anything. It is basically the physical and psychic health of the planet.

We can work together to preserve this vision. We know in our hearts that this goal is realistic and practical. This cooperative effort is the compassionate choice. We can bring this vision to the planet through the power of our united will and loving service. Yes we can.

Christopher Michaels Eugene

### THE GOOD DRIVERS

I have been reading a lot of letters full of anger and complaints lately from bicyclists, motorists and pedestrians. Some have even written about being attacked on their bike after a brief altercation. It is so sad to see so much animosity in our community over sharing our roads. There seems to be so much road rage these days which has now spread to bikes pitting potential neighbors against neighbors.

I am a frequent pedestrian, LTD rider and bicyclist. I have encountered a few negative experiences and close calls, but all in all I would like to give props to all the very conscious drivers. You look both ways on one way streets and wait at a signal for the bike approaching from behind to proceed through the intersection first. You yield for the bus and wait for the slower pedestrian to finish crossing before you turn.

There are way more careful people on the road than are given credit. I also noticed there are equally as many careless bicyclists and pedestrians as rude drivers. Please let us all to take that extra second to be safe, especially through the pressed, hectic holiday season.

When my son was 3, he and I were struck as pedestrians by a car that lost control and drove off the road, hitting us while were coming out a restaurant door. Every day is a blessing to us both to be alive. So I speak from experience when I say how fast a day can go bad.

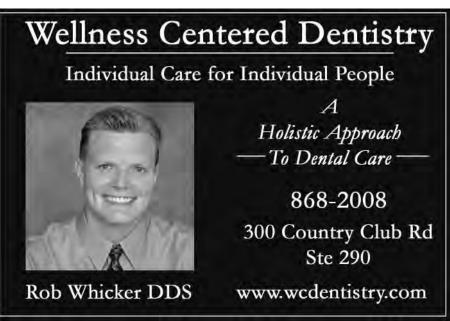
This holiday, give a wave and smile to the driver next to you instead of the finger. Wait for that pedestrian, yield for a bus and smile at the bicyclist next to your car at a light. May all your holidays be fruitful, exciting, safe and full of family, friends and neighbors! Peace and love.

Shannon Fillhart Glenwood

### **PUBLICITY STUNT**

In regard to the Nov. 6 *EW* interview with Congressman DeFazio, I agree with the subsequent letters of response pointing out the Congressman's imperfect lack of fidelity to a broader-based mass transit system. I'm

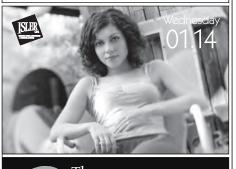






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particularly distressed by DeFazio's rechampioning of the LTD EmX system as an answer to Lane County's transportation needs.

Without a strengthening of the whole reach of LTD to needful points in Eugene and our county, the EmX is little more than LTD/construction-interest pork, a high profile publicity stunt designed to enhance

the status of LTD as a wannabe transit pioneer.

Here we are with LTD on the eve (for the coming year) of draconian cuts to bus runs, elimination of routes, including the popular Breeze minibus serving the UO, downtown and Country Club Road medical centers — and all DeFazio can talk about is EmX and lots and lots of someday streetcars.

Streetcars would be nice, but for now we need to ensure that people can get to their jobs easily from every neighborhood and that stores selling food and other necessities are easily accessible by bus. Local taxes can't meet LTD's needs at present. Therefore federal help is necessary to maintain services if the state can't offer relief, and in spite of Gov. Kulongoski's intent to seek

some transit relief we probably can't count on it.

So, DeFazio, how about some real help for the 10,000-plus mostly low-income riders who depend upon the managers of a largely indifferent LTD autocracy which seems resigned to massive cuts in service?

John Hickam Eugene

### VIEWDOINT BY GARY WOODCOCK

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an arrest for a crime he or she has witnessed or for a serious crime he or she has probable cause to believe a person(s) has committed. Thus, once an arrest has been made, only the arresting officer can legally "unarrest" the person if he or she finds his or her observation or probable cause was faulty. Additionally, as long as the arrest was made in good faith, the officer is protected. Otherwise it is up to other state officials, e.g. prosecutors and judges, to determine whether the police officer was right or wrong – provided the officer has told the truth. In reality, their actual power is virtually unbridled. And what an awesome power it is, considering that the result of the police officer's actions could be fine, incarceration or even death for the arrestee!

Why would someone so sworn abuse such power? Because of all the human frailties: ego, anger, frustration, recognition, greed, revenge, lust, power, fear, and any others that can come to mind.

But what would someone with all that power have to fear? Fear of doing something wrong and being found out, resulting in discipline, lawsuit, loss of job, or even their own incarcoration.

he opportunity for the abuse of police power by a law enforcement officer succumbing to human frailty is almost unlimited, because for most of his or her time on duty an officer works alone and unsupervised. Additionally, the job can often be boring, which brings into play temptations for the rogue, as in "An idle mind is the devil's workshop," etc.

This opportunity for abuse is further enhanced because there is a presumption that a police officer always officially tells the truth, whether under oath or not. Since all police officers know their actions could be called into scrutiny at any time on the flimsiest of complaints, the "Blue Curtain" usually falls when one of their own becomes the subject of a complaint. This happened in the Magaña/Lara mess with disastrous results for the department.

The women involved in Magaña/Lara made complaints to other officers who were told by Magaña/Lara that the women were disgruntled informants. Thus the complaints were ignored. However, when increasingly more complaints surfaced, those who ignored had to know there was validity somewhere and that they themselves could now be in trouble. Quite obviously, the Blue Curtain thickened and deepened. Ignore the problem and it might go away. But in so doing, for six years, the entire department gradually became tainted.

In a department as small as Eugene's there is no way that everyone did not know at least some small part of the tale that finally emerged, if not all of it. A bad police officer is shunned by others who don't want to be involved but who know that he or she is bad. The shunning gets noticed and soon questions are asked. The shunning grows. Rookie officers are subtlety guided or overtly told to stay away.

Magaña and Lara broke their oaths to the state. They violated the trust and good faith of their fellow officers, who in the cause of these rogue officers broke their own oaths and are now reaping the consequences with the passage of Measure 20-146. There was guilty knowledge and it was ignored until it could not be ignored anymore.

o, where do we go from here?

The attempt to keep the police auditor and the CRB out of the internal investigation procedure has even less basis now than before Measure 20-146 passed. The stated duties of each are now a constitutional mandate, the City Charter being Eugene's constitution, borne forth by a large majority and as such cannot be abrogated by any previous nebulous agreements with the police union.

Other attempts to stifle the auditor and the review board by the EPD in not carrying out a prompt internal investigation in cases where criminal charges are awaiting adjudication even though a citizen's complaint has been made have no groundings in any legal theory. The actions of the police officer making a justified arrest, even though he or she uses vulgar discourtesy or excessive force, have no bearing on the guilt or innocence of the arrestee. That guilt or innocence is for the courts to decide. The only bearing on the court's finding that the outcome of an internal investigation might have is that defense counsel, through discovery, might have the ammunition to ask some embarrassing but irrelevant questions, or – heaven forbid – might find evidence to prove his client innocent. If the latter were the case, justice would be doubly served.

This stubbornly resistant policy by the EPD, however, seems to have come very close on the heels of the highly publicized, emotionally charged arrest and Tasering incident at Willamette and Broadway on May 30. What arrest? What Tasering? Yes, it seems to be conveniently fading from a once outraged community's memory.

If any incident warrants a thorough, honest and honorable internal investigation this one does. Now there is a constitutional authority for the police auditor and the CRB to see that it is done.

So many unusual things happened in this case that a multitude of questions that won't be covered in any court trial beg to be answered. For example:

- Was there prior collusion between federal authorities and the EPD to disrupt this demonstration because it was thought to have been sponsored by the Pitchfork Rebellion?
  - Have there been other similar incidents of possible collusion?
  - Why were so many Eugene police readily available nearby?
  - Did they know the federal officer was going to make the call?
- Is there any formal or informal or even secret agreement that the EPD will provide federal authorities with non-criminal information on persons of interest with anti-government opinions? (The Maryland State Police were recently taken to task for infiltrating an anti-war group and an anti-death penalty group from 2002 to 2006 for illegal domestic spying purposes, using federal funds. Even though nothing was found to be illegal or threatening within either group the names of individual members were placed on a shared regional law enforcement web site listing them as drug dealers or suspected terrorists. The Register-Guard on Aug. 16, 2008, ran an article on proposed changes to Justice Department regulations that would make it easier for local police to engage in domestic spying and report to federal authority.)
- What influence, power or information did Lehner have that convinced the district attorney, with a reduced budget and reportedly heavy case-load, to assume this case over the Municipal Court and to bring ridiculous felony charges in such a routine and insignificant case? And why?
- Why did City Manager Jon Ruiz go along with Lehner's obstructionist policy in this case and the "super secret sex case," that now seems to be nothing more than a further example of Lehner's spite and meanness, and then completely reverse himself as soon as Lehner was gone?

Taser first and ask questions later? A few months ago at a City Council work session, while the Police Commission was giving an annual report, the issue of the use of Tasers arose and whether there seemed to be a conflict between what the commission had recommended and what was actually occurring. Lehner was asked to explain the EPD's policy. In effect, he said that the Taser had become the first line of defense when an officer was confronted with resistance, instead of next to last in the use of force hierarchy. He said that most injuries to police officers are impact injuries caused to knees and elbows when falling to the ground wrestling an unruly suspect. Using the Taser first would avoid these injuries and save the city money. A couple of council members were surprised by his answer as they thought the Taser, with its lethal possibilities, was to be used only before the gun. When Councilor Bonny Bettman asked the reporting commission member if that was the right interpretation, Lehner jumped in front of the seated member and put his hand over his microphone and ordered him not to answer as the case above was still under investigation. The question was never answered as Bettman and Lehner exchanged words and things moved on.

So is this what all the confusion about? Did Lehner give orders contrary to Police Commission recommendations, and the arresting officers at Broadway and Willamette acted on them? Did Lehner willfully cause sufficient confusion to cover his "six" until he could get out of here?

So much smoke screening of these issues; so many tentacles to be untangled.

City Manager Ruiz has given direction to Interim Chief Pete Kerns to resume internal investigations and cooperate with the interim police auditor and the CRB. Unquestionably, this is a step in the right direction and admittedly came before the Nov. 4 mandate.

However, the status of two of the three key players, the auditor and the police chief, in this ongoing drama is in flux. Both are holding interim positions. The third player, the city manager, will have a significant influence on what happens to the other two and who might replace them if it should come to that. Considering the recent histories of all three persons currently holding these positions, something should be put into place to insure continued cooperation, no matter who has any of these jobs.

On Nov. 10, Councilor Bettman proposed a measure that would lead to a truly effective and independent Police auditor and CRB. She has been the council's conscience and has seen through potential machinations far too often to be disregarded now. A strong police auditor and a strong CRB can be the best friends of a good police department and the worst enemies of a bad one.

Gary W. Woodcock of Eugene is a retired lieutenant from the Baltimore Police Department.

# Pay It Back, Pay It Forward

### Our Giving Guide for hard times

By Paula Hoemann and Suzi Steffen

imes are tough. Layoffs, month-long furloughs, whole industries taking a dive. It's also the time of year when people give to nonprofit organizations in order to help save on taxes — don't forget to give before Dec. 31! — but giving is down across the country, with FOOD for Lane County among those in dire need.

We cut our Giving Guide to focus on things that matter the most: food, shelter, safety, medical care. But we do want to mention that through Oregon Cultural Trust (www.culturaltrust.org), you can give to arts organizations like theaters, museums or youth writing and arts programs and reduce your state taxes in a rather major way. Generosity, rewarded in Oregon! We hope that you'll consider treating your community and yourself to year-end cheer in the midst of this bleak time.



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come in a variety of forms: mobile crisis intervention, outpatient drug treatment, low-cost dental and medical services, counseling services and a 24-hour crisis intervention center. White Bird offers classes and training in crisis intervention, counseling and drug treatment. White Bird staffers are also familiar with local service options and will refer folks they can't help directly. This cold winter, they are particularly eager for cold weather wear, toiletry items, backpacks, boots and blankets for the homeless. To donate, to volunteer or for more information, visit www.whitebirdclinic.org or call 342-8255.



### **LOOKING GLASS**

Each year Looking Glass serves more than 7,000 of Lane County's atrisk youth and families, offering a wide variety of support and resources including a counseling program, an outpatient substance abuse program for youth 20 and under, a 24-hour crisis intervention and emergency shelter for youth 11-17, transitional and independent services for homeless youth 16-21, an alternative school and vocational training for out of school youth, academic and therapeutic services for youth with mental health issues, a short term shelter for girls, and alcohol and drug treatment programs for male juvenile offenders. Looking Glass also works to address the issues that create adversity for youth and families. Call 686-2688 or visit www.lookingglass.us for more information/donation/volunteer

### **WOMENSPACE**

Working to end domestic violence by empowering women and children and changing community standards, Womenspace offers peer counseling, support groups and training as well as shelter in a safe place for any woman who is dealing with issues of domestic and/or sexual violence. By giving presentations in local elementary, middle and high schools, staff members work to prevent sexual and domestic violence through education. Womenspace gladly accepts monetary donations and could also use the following items: diapers/wipes, dish and laundry soap, toiletries such as shampoo, toothpaste, razors, lotion, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper and Kleenex, pajamas (adult and youth), kitchen and bath towels, hand towels and washcloths, pots and pans with lids, dishes and silverware, mattress pads, bedding of all sizes, school supplies, nonperishable foods and dedicated volunteers. Call 485-8232 or visit www. enddomesticviolence.org to donate or learn



### WILLAMETTE ANIMAL GUILD and GREENHILL HUMANE SOCIETY

Lane County folks really would love to have no-kill animal shelters, and one way to help that happen is to fund spay/ neuter services for the animals already alive. WAG estimates it has prevented the births of about 16,500 unwanted animals this year. You can help WAG provide lowcost spay/neuter services by donating at www.wagwag.org and find more info at 345-3566. Meanwhile, animals waiting for their "forever home" often hang out at Greenhill, where volunteers help walk. feed and take care of many furry creatures. Greenhill isn't no-kill, but it offers education and adoption services, fosters animals out (more volunteers) and helps seniors and people in domestic violence situations with safe pet care. Notable items on the Wish List (aside from money, of course!) include bedding for dogs, cats and small animals like rabbits: toys: scrubs: and clean towels and blankets for the animals to snuggle. To donate or volunteer, head to www.green-hill.org or call 689-1503.

### SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES

SASS provides community education and outreach, advocacy and support for

survivors of sexual assault, abuse or harassment. SASS offers bilingual support groups for all ages for both male and female survivors of abuse and operates a 24-hour crisis and support line and a drop-in center open 9 am to 4 pm weekdays. SASS's 24 hour advocacy supports abuse survivors with healing, medical and legal information, with transportation and accompaniment to medical care, an emergency shelter or the police. It offers a 40-hour volunteer training program three times per year; the next one starts Jan. 16. Call 484-9791 or visit www. sass-lane.org to donate, to volunteer or for more information

### **AMIGOS**

Formerly known as Amigos de los Sobrevivientes, Amigos was originally created to assist Latin American families who came to the U.S. after having experienced political violence and torture. Through education and advocacy, Amigos works to protect the human rights of immigrants — insuring their protection, security, just treatment and inclusion in U.S. society. Amigos' youth program, Juventud FACETA, serves Latino youth ages 14-24, encouraging personal growth, civic engagement and development as community leaders through advocacy and training on immigrant rights as human rights. Amigos also runs a Human Rights Education Program, offering speakers and panel participants on human rights topics. Call 746-6022 or visit www.amigosmsc.org for more information.

### COMMITTED PARTNERS FOR YOUTH

By matching caring volunteer adults with at-risk youth for mentoring, Committed Partners for Youth connects kids with their community, focusing on positive reinforcement, trust building and achievement of goals through one-on-one outings and group adventures in the community. Most of the youth on CPY's waiting list are boys, and the staff would love to match them with caring adult men, so if you're a guy, step up! Both women and men can mentor or offer support in other ways, and donations are welcome. Visit www.committedpartners.org or call 344-0833.



# 'GREENING' OF MENTAL HEALTH?

Psychiatrists are wrestling with changes in definitions and diagnoses that will be included in the fifth edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM)*. The final edition will have consequences for insurance reimbursement, research and individuals' psychological identity for years to come, according to a Dec. 18 story by Benedict Carey in *The New York Times*. But will the content reflect any input from millions of mental health patients?

"We definitely tried to have input and dialogue, and there was none allowed. Period," says David Oaks, executive director of MindFreedom International, based in Eugene.

MindFreedom was founded in 1988 to advocate against forced medication, physical restraints and involuntary electroconvulsive therapy, says Oaks. Members worldwide identify themselves as survivors of human rights violations in a mental health system heavily influenced by outdated practices and pharmaceutical interests

Oakes says Dr. Darrel A. Regier, a key figure in the new *DSM*, is also head of the special "research" wing of the American Psychiatric Association. APIRE, an independent component of the APA, publishes the *DSM* and "tends to get millions upon millions of drug company dollars."

"Even though Dr. Regier got federal money to hold international seminars on the 'future of psychiatric diagnosis,' he has absolutely refused to even respond to civil inquiries from anyone outside his closed-door process," says Oaks.

Oaks says a prominent official with the World Health Organization's mental health section, "has twice personally asked Dr. Regier to respond to requests from MindFreedom about having mental health consumer input in the re-writing of the *DSM*," and was told "no." "So these few hundred unelected mainly rich, mainly white males are cooking up behavioral guidelines for us all, with zero input from the public who is impacted by these rules."

MindFreedom is working to break the undemocratic domination of mental health care by the medical establishment, says Oaks. "Our issue is kind of like where energy policy was in the 1950s, totally dominated by the system. Now we're pushing for 'greening of mental health,' to allow for more holistic, empowering, non-chemical approaches, and especially direct involvement by citizens in helping to plan mental and emotional well-being programs."

The revised *DSM*, due out in about three years, is expected to reflect some public pressures. Early editions of the book defined homosexuality as a mental disorder. Protests by gay activists provoked a scientific review, and the diagnosis was dropped in 1973, replaced by "sexual orientation disturbance," and then "ego-dystonic homosexuality." Homosexuality as a disorder was dropped from the book in 1987. Some GLBTQ activists are now lobbying for similar changes regarding gender identity issues, but others are wanting to keep transgender identity as a formal diagnosis so that treatment or surgery can be covered by insurance.

The story can be found by a web search for "NYTimes DSM," and MindFreedom International's website is www.mindfreedom.org — *Ted Taylor* 

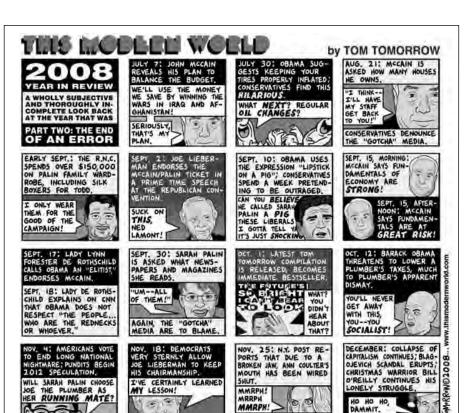
### Happening people by Paul Neevel

### **CAROLYN ULRICH**

In the six months since she started working at the Oakway Fitness Center, Carolyn Ulrich has attracted an enthusiastic following to the "Silver and Fit" exercise program that she designed. "It's like senior boot camp, getting people in shape for everyday tasks,"



she says. "The age group is 50 to 95. We listen to a variety of music to get people moving and to have fun." Ulrich didn't think of herself as athletic until she took up jogging in her junior year at the University of Alabama and found herself winning races. In learning to rehabilitate herself after an injury, she became a pioneer in water exercise, developed a water aerobics program for the city of Columbia, Md., and took a degree in exercise physiology from the University of Massachusetts. In 2001, a year after she arrived in Eugene, she was severely injured and partially paralyzed in a car accident. After multiple surgeries and years of recovery, she resumed her teaching of water aerobics at the Downtown Athletic Club in 2004. "I got so much support from members and staff," says Ulrich, who left the club earlier this year when it cut most of its programs for seniors. "I still can't work full-time, but I love teaching seniors. They're different from other age groups, less egocentric. They're looking for socialization and help in overcoming things."



# IGMS BIGS

\$113,857 in pay.

This fall Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski cancelled a 3.2 percent pay raise for state executives with the weakening economy. Fronhnmayer's compensation package is almost five times greater than what the Oregon governor makes. —Alan Pittman

### FROHNMAYER HAS TIGHT GRIP ON BIG PAYCHECK

As the recession deepens, corporate executives and university presidents across the nation have volunteered deep pay cuts, but not UO President Dave

UO economics professor Frohnmayer Bill Harbaugh wrote in an *Oregonian* op-ed this month that Frohnmayer's pay package has increased 387 percent since 2000 to more than \$700,000 a year.

Harbaugh points to salary surveys showing that at comparable universities, many much larger than the UO, presidents earn about a third less. Meanwhile, at the UO, average professor salaries are only 83 percent of peers.

Many university executives are now volunteering pay cuts in the face of layoffs and plummeting endowment investments. Oregon Health Sciences University executives agreed to a 20 percent cut in pay. The Washington State University president volunteered a \$100,000 pay cut. The University of Florida president donated \$285,000 of his pay back to the university. The president of the University of Pennsylvania gave back \$100,000. The University of Louisville president gave up

### HOMELAND SECURITY QUESTIONS UNANSWERED

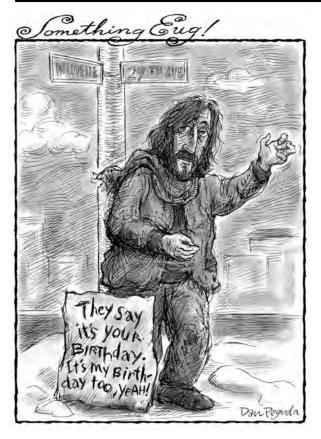
Months after the May 30 Tasering incident, questions about both alleged police brutality and federal spying still go unanswered. Despite repeated requests as well as official complaints, a review of the officers involved in the Tasering and the arrests at the anti-pesticide rally has yet to happen, and local activists say they have not gotten response on a federal level either.

Josh Schlossberg, who took part in the rally, says he asked Congressman Peter DeFazio's office in July to look into Homeland Security's involvement in the incident. According to Schlossberg, DeFazio's office did not respond despite repeated requests into what Schlossberg calls, "the apparently routine practice of the federal government spying on law-abiding citizens."

Schlossberg says he called and faxed DeFazio's office repeatedly without a response for six months.

DeFazio is a member of the House Committee on Homeland Security and Schlossberg wants to know: What is DeFazio's position on this kind of surveillance?

When the congressman's office did respond to Schlossberg's request in



November, the letter he got said the office had not received Schlossberg's requests.

According to the letter, DeFazio had contacted the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on behalf of the Oregon ACLU, and it summarized DHS's response letter as: "It is the mission of the FPS (Federal Protective Services) to protect federal properties, so an officer visited the demonstration to determine if the federal building would be impacted by the rally."

The summary said that the letter from DHS "also noted the officer was permitted by federal authority and guidelines to monitor and gather information about persons engaged in a protected activity because it was for legitimate law enforcement purposes."

Schlossberg has sent another letter again requesting DeFazio to state his position on the DHS surveillance of the rally, which was not on federal property. He also asked DeFazio to say whether he knew of the surveillance in advance and for the congressman's office to review information it "might have access to that is relevant to federal agencies monitoring Eugene citizens."—

Camilla Mortensen

### UO BACKS OFF ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST

After backlash from faculty members about the new Conflict of Interest-Conflict of Commitment (COI-C) policy hastily implemented by the UO (*EW* 12/4), the school has now decided to suspend the planned January 2009 implementation of the plan.

Faculty members objected not only to portions of the policy itself but to the way it was developed, without the faculty input required by state law.

The proposed COI-C policy applied to faculty, graduate students, researchers and

other non-classified staff employees of the UO and demanded they report their possible conflicts of interest or commitment annually. These conflicts included anything from holding elected office to owning a business.

Faculty have expressed concern that the 14-page document seeks disclosure of not only their own activities but those of their immediate family; and that it alters the existing disclosure policy by removing an exclusion that relates to personal time. Under the current policy, outside activities not related to university duties that are undertaken during personal time are excluded from reporting. But according the FAQs, under the proposed new policy, when it comes to finances, "even if your outside activities are not related to your area of expertise, you should

disclose them."

In an email sent out to UO faculty members Dec. 12, the school said after "thoughtful and substantive comments" from faculty colleagues the process would be suspended in order to "review and address the concerns."

The email announced that Faculty Senate President Paul van Donkelaar, "will convene a small ad hoc committee" to review the COI-C and suggest revisions to the policy so that it meets "essential legal and policy requirements with a keen sensitivity to academic freedom and the culture of a public research university."

The UO anticipates revealing the next COI-C draft at the March 11, 2009 meeting of the Faculty Senate.

— Camilla Mortensen

### Since the U.S. invasion of Iraq began on March 20, 2003

(last week's numbers in parentheses):

- 4,212 U.S. troops killed\* (4,209)
- 30,879 U.S. troops injured\* (30,871)
   167 U.S. military suicides\* (167)
- 314 coalition troops killed\*\* (314)
- 1,123 U.S. contractors killed (accurate updates NA)
- $\bullet$  98,218 to 1.1 million civilians killed\*\*\*  $(98,\!133)$ 
  - \$581.7 billion cost of war (\$579.8 billion)
  - \$165.4 million cost to Eugene taxpayers (\$164.9 million)

\* through Dec.22, 2008; source: icasualties.org; some figures only updated monthly \*\* sources: icasualties.org, defenselink.mil \*\*\* highest estimate; source: iraqbodycount.org; based on confirmed media reports; other groups calculate civilian deaths as high as 655,000 (Lancet survey, 2006) to 11 million (Opinion Research Business survey, 2008)

### **SLANT**

• How does **Gov. Gordon** sound to you? The Portland press is chattering about the possibility of Gordon Smith running for governor in two years now that he is soon to be replaced in the Senate by Jeff Merkley. Smith has not squelched the chatter as he quickly did when he was mentioned as the next president of the UO, succeeding David Frohnmayer. According to *The Oregonian*, Smith blames his loss mostly on George Bush, which Smith thinks will not be an issue in a state race. Maybe not, but wasn't it Smith's embrace of Bush's policies that cost him his Senate seat, and won't those still be big issues in 2010? We'll see.



• We're done writing letters to Santa; now let's write letters to Obama. He's a smart guy but he doesn't know everything, and he's already fumbling some of his appointments. He needs our help. We will publish as many 200-word letters to Obama as we can Jan. 15. Then we'll bundle up copies of Eugene Weekly and mail them to the White House. The Obama transition team is waiting to hear from us! These letters will be prominently displayed in the Obama Presidential Library! Future generations will marvel at the insight, wit and wisdom of

the people of Lane County! Or *EW* will come in handy for potty-training the First Puppy. Email your letters to letters@eugeneweekly.com by Jan. 8.

- haunted by images of deprivation, had thrown open his shutters on Christmas and donated \$25,000 to the UO Athletic Department for front-row basketball seats. Not quite the same, is it? But in a depressionary time of deep need and want in this city and state with thousands going without, that's exactly the "donation" the UO is asking from the corporate Scrooges of the state. And they are giving it. This isn't charity, this isn't good will to man, this is an embarrassment. Imagine if the ghost had brought Scrooge to his tombstone to find the inscription: "When the shivering, starving masses begged,
- Times are tough and budgets are bleeding like New Hampshire sugar maples in March, but is it really better for Eugene in the long term if the **city's policy is to cut down big old trees**, like the recently saved black walnut on 6th and Madison, instead of pruning them? It might be cheaper in the short term, but in the end, we need those trees for their shade and climate moderation, storm water control and even pollution control. It's hard to put a price tag on the multiple benefits of old trees, but an enlightened city staff would attempt to do just that.

he gave his alms instead for front-row basketball seats." The horror!

• It's jolly to see the **Springfield Times** cranking out a decent community paper with local news and views since late November. Kudos to owner Scott Olson and Editor Craig Murphy. Murphy does most of the writing, which is common in small papers (we've known editors who have made up silly bylines to add "variety" to their papers). The *Times* could use more writers and photographers, more letters to the editor, and of course more advertising. Lots more advertising.

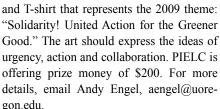
Since the *Springfield News* died, followed by the *Springfield Beacon*, the *R-G* has been trying to pick up the slack by covering some Springfield city government and business news, and we've done what we can to cover more Lane County and regional issues. But Springfield really needs and deserves a homegrown paper that reflects the character of the community. Ideally this new paper will grow in its courage and coverage, and shine some light on the political machinations that go on behind closed doors.

If you can't find a hard copy of the *Times*, check it out online at www. springfieldtimes.net Notice the ".net" in the web address. There are lots of Springfields in the U.S., and the .com was taken.

SLANT includes short opinion pieces, observations and rumor-chasing notes compiled by the EW staff. Heard any good rumors lately? Contact Ted Taylor at 484-0519, editor@eugeneweekly.com

# **ACTIVIST**

Attention all ecooriented artists! Two groups are currently looking for designs. The Public Interest Environmental Law Conference (PIELC) is looking for artwork for its poster





You can also try your hand at a design for the Civil Liberties Defense Center (CLDC). The folks at CLDC are looking for a design for T-shirts and a poster reflecting CLDC's commitment to environmental, animal

rights and anarchist activists targeted in recent years by the government. The CLDC says, the design should illustrate a love of nature and living things and show respect for those who have ended up in prison and have maintained their integrity to a greater movement. Contact Lauren Regan for more information at lregan@cldc.org

· Looking past the holidays, the annual Citizens State of the City and County address is planned for noon Monday. Jan. 12, at Harris Hall, 8th and Oak in downtown Eugene. Organizers are calling the event "a grassroots initiative to highlight practical approaches to the interconnected ecological, energy and economic crises." After that, Citizens for Public Accountability will hold its annual meeting at 7 pm Wednesday, Jan. 21 at Tsunami Books, 2585 Willamette. The tentative list of speakers includes Dawn Reynolds, Carol Berg-Caldwell, Tim Lewis, Bonny Bettman, Kate Wilkinson and Juan Carlos Valle. To get on CPA's email list, send a note to cpa@lists.

### ON THE WEB THIS WEEK

- · Camilla is posting Tim Lewis' (aka Picture Eugene) interview with Carol Berg-Caldwell on the city's peculiar human rights training by the FBI's "Citizen's Academy," designed, it seems, to keep an eye on local
- At blogs.eugeneweekly.com: Camilla provides some comic relief with holiday videos, and something special for freelance writers everywhere: the Freelance National Anthem, complete with sing-along verses. Ted tosses out a generic Spout Off Here! blog post where readers can respond to a collection of recent stories, from gun control to abandoned horses.

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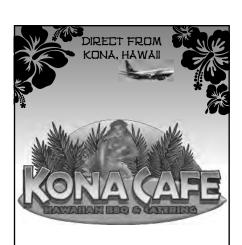
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### **EARLY DEADLINES**

Christmas and New Year's Day both fall on Thursday, our usual publishing day, so EW is publishing a day early this week and next week. Our offices will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. and close at 3 pm Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Early deadline for reserving display ads for the Dec. 31 issue will be 3 pm Wednesday, Dec. 24. Deadlines return to normal Friday, Jan. 2, for the Jan. 8 issue. Questions? Call 484-0519.



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# **Tribute to Bonny**

Retiring councilor gets a rousing send-off

ost elected officials get some kind of recognition upon leaving office, but retiring Eugene City Councilor Bonny Bettman's private party Dec. 11 drew about 100 friends, colleagues and family members, big tables of donated food and wine, live music and a long string of speakers.

The outspoken advocate for accountability and transparency in local government is stepping down after eight years of what she calls "civic aversion therapy," and she's not sure what she's going to do next, other than take six months off. She voiced her appreciation for all those who supported her. "That served as an antidote to the kind of dirty, vicious politics that goes on at City Hall," she said.

The praise for Bettman's work and character was effusive. "If some people are threatened by a woman who is strong, intelligent and not afraid to ask the hard questions, then Bonny Bettman, you are a triple threat," said attorney Ilona Koleszar.

Ron Chase, executive director of Sponsors, served as master of ceremonies at the packed event at Tsunami Books. Chase praised Bettman's leadership over the past eight years.

"Bonny has always been way out front," he said. "She is dedicated, hard working, well prepared, and most importantly to me, values driven. I never cease to be amazed at her diligence and how completely she throws herself into the details of an issue."

Chase said Bettman has been effective at driving public policy. "A lot of the good things that have happened in this city over the past eight years are directly the result of Bonny's hard work," he said. He cited her "willingness to put up with the abuse and keep going."

Community activist Charles Dalton lauded Bettman for her strong role in pushing for independent review of complaints against police "for all the best reasons: equal protection under the law." Dalton said Eugeneans want review not only because of the Lara/Magaña police sex scandals, but also because of racial profiling by Eugene police and other issues

Dalton praised Bettman's commitment to justice, saying, "You have to have courage to publicly challenge the most heavily armed organization in Lane County."

Bettman's daughter Amanda described her mom as an unconventional hero, but a hero just the same: "I think it's quite heroic to spend years getting nasty things written about you in the paper and spending days on end reading huge, boring-looking packets and spending years working on something you believe in."

County Commissioner Pete Sorenson



said Bettman has been very pragmatic in her politics, avoiding "impossible" goals. "She has been meticulous about how her time's been spent, and the things we are proudest of her are actually accomplished," he said. "Those accomplishments are many and her efforts, particularly on our Citizen Review Board, are historic. There are things that will be in our city charter for years and years to come. This is a remarkable woman who has contributed in enormous ways to our community."

Author and scientist Mary O'Brien said she admired Bettman's "unparalled" attention to documents that come before the council, committees and commissions Bettman has served on. "She finds things in those documents. She finds bad intentions, bad policies, and Bonny figures out what should be good policy, what is protective of our community, what is democratic."

Taking Bettman's seat on the council will

be Kiva owner George Brown. "It would be impossible to replace Bonny and I'm the first one who realizes that," Brown said. He said he and his wife began paying attention to city politics about two and a half years ago. "It was immediately apparent that one person on the council was always prepared, knew the material deeply. One person always found the fatal flaw in every document. One person was able to, if not kill those flaws outright, at least move to mitigate their effect on the public. One person always had the public interest at heart, and of course that's Bonny. Indeed the bar has been set very high, and I'm going to do my best. You've inspired a lot of people in this town, including me and my wife.'

Bettman said she has a lot of confidence in Brown. "I think he's very humble and very modest," she said. "He's very smart and is going to be a quick study."





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# NOT POU

# Let's not myth out on Santa Claus

AN ESSAY BY JIM EARL

We live in a state of near-total confusion. So few of us know what we really believe.

hose words came to me one morning recently as I was walking my dog Hamlet along 18th Avenue. He was relieving himself in the bushes when a man pulled up to the "payday loan" office on the corner and found the door locked. The man lit a cigarette and paced nervously. I knew he had nearly an hour

to wait. Hamlet and I headed up the alley, he sniffing out messages from his doggie friends, I thinking back on those few times in my life when I too felt pressed, anxious, confused and desperate, like the man on the corner

The payday loan office is especially busy in December as Christmas approaches.

Ebenezer Scrooge and Mr. Potter are still in business, and interest rates are higher than ever. Usury is legal now. Watching the poor and the desperate trooping in and out brings out my most confused feelings about the season.

Forty years of reading literature, history, religion and philosophy have taught me that the oldest and most durable wisdom in nearly every culture in every age has been that happiness and the meaning of life are not found in money or material possessions. The wisdom traditions are clear on this. that money is a source of unhappiness and wickedness, and material possessions don't raise us up; they drag us down. Obviously we aren't very wise. I found myself reciting a favorite couplet from Wordsworth as we walked up the alley:

The world is too much with us, Hamlet, my boy; late and soon,

Getting and spending, we lay waste our

Nonetheless, my idealism is at its most intense at Christmastime, and here I intend to give it full rein. I'd like to argue, in the spirit of Clement Moore (who in 1823 wrote "'Twas the Night Before Christmas") and also in the spirit of Frances Church (who in 1897 wrote the editorial, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus") and very much in the spirit of the 1947 movie Miracle on 34th Street that there really is a Santa Claus; that I, at least, still believe in him. The trick of the argument — for there has to be a trick to such an argument — is that it all depends on what you mean by the words "believe in." Few words are so easy to use but so hard to define

I approach belief in Santa Claus in the spirit of the anthropologist who approaches, say, a tribe whose members believe that leopards fast on Fridays and that men should put butter on their heads and walk clockwise around the marketplace. People believe the strangest things. I'm not an anthropologist. I'm closer to what the anthropologist calls the "informant," the native who answers the anthropologist's questions by reporting his experience of his own culture. I am my own informant. I've done no research on Santa Claus. The closest I've come to research for this essay is having a group of freshmen over to my house every year as the holidays approach, where I take the opportunity to ask them about their experiences of Santa.

The problem of belief comes up when I teach ancient literature. Students ask, Did the Greeks actually "believe in" their myths? Did they really believe the sun was a chariot, that winter was caused by Persephone's descent into the underworld, that earthquakes were caused by Poseidon and lightning by Zeus? Medieval literature delivers the same problem: Did medieval people actually "believe in" miracles? Did they believe that saints could walk on water, raise the dead with the touch of a relic, visit heaven and hell in their sleep or make a cow fill a lake with milk? Beliefs like these, ancient or medieval, seem so childish. But all the evidence indicates that in times gone by, grown-ups — and the most intelligent among them, too - did indeed "believe in" myths and miracles, whatever that means. It's something to think about.

Perhaps ancient and medieval people were childlike. My students like this theory. Perhaps civilization, like a giant person, has been growing from childhood to adulthood over the millennia. The Age of Myth was its childhood; the modern period, the Age of Science, is more adult. Humanity has grown up, so we no longer believe in such nonsense — except, of course, when we're children, when we relive the childhood of the species in our own personal version of the ancient world. Santa Claus comes to mind as the perfect example of a modern myth, a throwback to ancient forms of belief. But then we grow out of it, just as humanity did.

By this line of thinking, the child's belief in Santa Claus is a little like Homer's belief in Zeus and Poseidon. The problem is that when you read Homer, you realize he's anything but childlike. So I began answering my students' question by turning it around: Could Homer have believed in Zeus and Poseidon in the same way we believe in Santa Claus? If we take Santa Claus seriously as a myth, what would that tell us about myth, and what would it tell us about Santa? When I pose the problem this way, the students tend to back off. When push comes to shove, they'd rather believe that Santa isn't like the Greek gods, because a) we don't believe in Santa, only children do; and b) Santa, like Christmas itself, has been drained of his original religious meaning; now he's just a secular symbol for an annual orgy of consumerism.

So much for idealizing the modern age as adult and superior. Most 18-year-olds, if you haven't noticed, are pretty cynical. They're so disillusioned. Many of them seem not to have gotten over the shock of learning that there's no Santa Claus. College students may be idealistic in many ways, but on this issue they're merciless. Santa isn't a myth; he's a lie — one of many lies the adult world tells the young to cover up an ugly truth. The ugly truth that the lie of Santa is covering up is how commercial Christmas has become

A few years ago in a French bookstore I ran into a book called Did the Greeks Believe in Their Myths? by Paul Veyne, an anthropologist. At the top of the first page I read, "How is it possible to half-believe, or believe in contradictory things? Children believe that Santa Claus comes down the chimney, bringing them toys, and at the same time believe that these toys are put there by their parents. Do they then really believe in Santa Claus? Yes they do." Veyne is French; I'm not sure American children believe that the toys are from Santa and "at the same time" from their parents. In my house you believed one or the other. But I'm glad someone else thinks about Greek myth in relation to Santa, even if Veyne only gives two sentences to Santa.

What would an anthropologist say about the myth of Santa? First he would ask his informant (that's me) about it. I don't have to get historical or scholarly; what's important is what I already know just by living in our society: Santa's a jolly fat man with a white beard and red suit who lives at the North Pole, where he makes toys; he delivers them to children once a year, from a sleigh pulled by eight flying

reindeer. You know the rest. Most of the details come from Clement Moore's poem. though new motifs keep getting added. Just before I was born, some 60 years ago, a ninth reindeer was added. Later, Santa's wife appeared, though she never got a name except Mrs. Claus. These days his elfworkers are getting more play. The myth keeps growing and changing, and nobody seems to mind. Given the craziness of the premise, you certainly don't have to worry about consistency.

The ancient myths had this same sort of fluidity. If you hunt around in the ancient texts, you find a dozen versions of every story. Every city had its own god, its own hero, its own stories. Poets and dramatists felt free to change them or add to them to suit their purposes. Myth by its nature is always in flux. The ancients made up new stories about the gods and the heroes all the time. What an odd kind of belief.

Anthropologists have a theory that myths are always attached to rituals or some form of social behavior. If you want to understand the myth, this theory goes, you have to know what rituals it's attached to. A myth isn't just a story; it's a story that explains why people act the way they do or that makes people act in a certain way. As times change and practices change, the stories that explain the practices change along with them. So we should ask what social rituals the Santa story explains or encourages. As an anthropologist might put it, what "cultural work" is the story performing?

The month of December in America is as rich a gold mine of social rituals as any tribal marketplace or ancient Greek festival. An anthropologist from Mars studying our mythology would note that Santa is everywhere in December: in our stories, movies, TV and songs, in lawn displays and marketplaces, advertisements and Christmas cards, not to mention collecting money in front of the Safeway and listening to children in long lines at the mall. Meanwhile at home we put up trees, hang stockings and put out milk and cookies. I'm not sure what a future anthropologist would make of our protest that we don't really "believe in" this guy, when there's so much behavioral evidence to the contrary. That's the plottrick in Miracle on 34th Street: If the government delivers mail to him, he has to exist.

"But" — here comes objection a) — "only children believe in Santa Claus!" To which I reply, "What do you mean, 'only'?" Everyone but everyone passes through childhood, so a ritual aimed at children is aimed at everyone. We all have to grow up, and we all carry our experience of childhood along with us.

"But, but" - here comes objection b) — "whatever religious meaning he once had as Saint Nicholas, or as a standin for the kings who brought gifts to the baby Jesus, now he's just an engine for the economy!" To which I reply, "What do you mean, 'just'?" Being an engine for this economy makes you as real as the Grand Coolie Dam or low interest rates. Christmas, we're told daily, accounts for a huge percentage of retail sales every year.

of their wide-eyed credulity as stupid but as innocent. We adore it, as if it were the purest form of faith, the kind of faith that we're no longer capable of as adults. It's as if we actually make this story as crazy as possible, just to take pleasure in our children's willingness to believe anything we tell them

But sooner or later the time must come. Now the cruel rite of passage. They must be told, told that it's not true. None of it. It was all pretend. Everyone was — let's not disguise it — *lying* to you all along — your parents, your teachers, everyone; all those people dressed up like Santa, even your older brother and sister.

We underestimate the importance of this ritual of disillusionment in our culture, perhaps because unlike most rites of

as cruel as I've made it out to be. Almost all of them remember clearly the moment they learned the truth. Most said it was a milestone in their lives. A social ritual on this scale wouldn't evolve in a culture if it were just a form of abuse. It has to work — we just have to figure out what work it's doing. Like all myths, this one is overdetermined, meaning that it does lots of different jobs simultaneously. It's running the economy at the same time as it gratifies our parental authority; it's leading children from one kind of belief to another, teaching them to cope with the inevitable disillusionments of growing up; it's giving them a first peek into adult society and probably lots of other things too.

Once you've learned the truth about Santa, you're by no means done with the myth. Though they don't realize it, most of the young people I talk to are headed for a second rite of passage that the Santa Claus myth governs. Their teen cynicism will be modified considerably once they become parents and enter into the myth from the other side. Once they're parents, they'll discover other jobs the myth does.

Every December they'll buy their children lots of stuff and wrap it and give it to them with little tags saying it's from someone else. And on Christmas morning when their kids open the packages, they'll get a little thrill of virtue for having given a gift that asks nothing in return, not even thanks. (Remember, though, give a few with tags that say "from Mom and Dad"!) Anthropologists tell us that in every culture gifts are actually reciprocal: when you give someone a gift, you expect something in return, even if it's just gratitude or respect. You've put that person in your debt. There's an economy of gift-giving.

But when you give a child a gift and sign it "from Santa," that economy is interrupted. It's a blind gift, a pure gift. You get no credit for buying it or for staying up till 2 am assembling and wrapping it. What an interesting ritual. Why do we do it? I think the Santa myth gives parents practice at good parenting, because parenting itself is by its nature thankless. We don't love our children with the idea of getting something back from them even gratitude or respect. It's nice when it happens, when they finally realize they owe you everything, but parenting isn't really an economy; you have to love them

### The trick of the argument is that it all depends on what you mean by the words 'believe in.'

The economy depends on all of us giving each other lots of gifts on a designated day every year. It's no small accomplishment keeping a ritual like that, on such a scale. alive year after year, through good years and bad, fat years and lean. Economics doesn't make Santa less real, but more.

Perhaps you think I'm just being clever. Of course there's a difference between the way children believe in Santa and the way adults believe — although it isn't really a difference between childhood and adulthood, but between one phase of childhood and another. The crisis of belief comes somewhere around age 7 or 8. Until then children seem to accept all the bizarre inconsistencies of the Santa story, even if they do spend a lot of time puzzling over them. How does he get to every house in one night? How can one sleigh hold enough toys for all the children of the world? How can a fat man fit down a chimney? In an apartment building, does he come in through the window or the door?

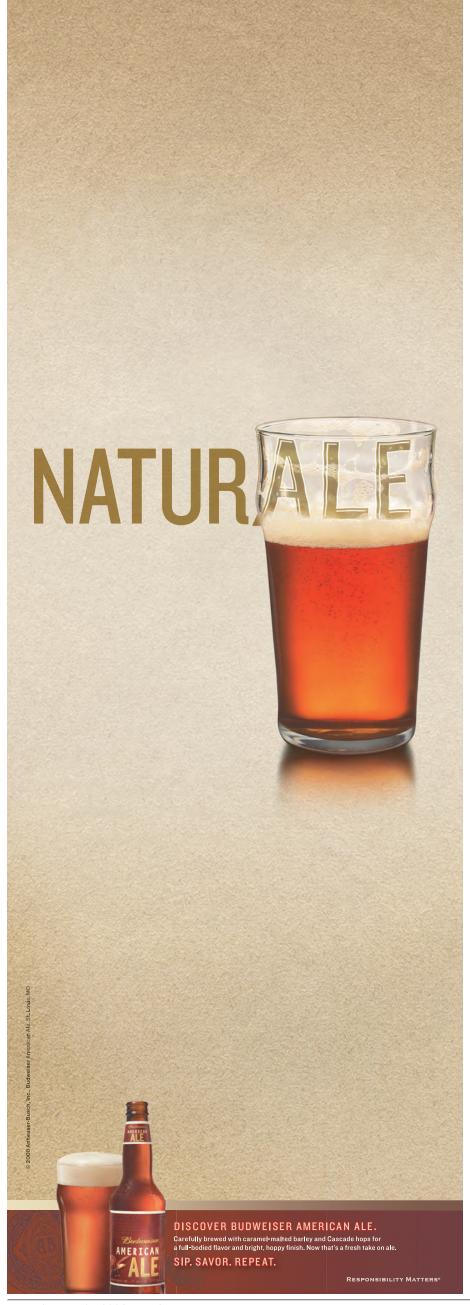
We love children for being able to believe in these things. We don't think passage it's carried out in private, but also because it's so cruel that we should feel guilty about it. We purposefully feed our children these fantastic illusions, only to burst their innocence at a still tender age. The approved method of excusing this lie to our children is to co-opt them into the adult world of liars. "Keep the secret from the young ones who still believe. Now you're one of us." The compensation we offer our 8-year-olds is yet another lie, that now they're part of the adult world.

I learn from my students that there are many surprising variations on this experience, but the most surprising, I think, is my own daughter's. When we finally told her there was no Santa Claus, she was relieved. She'd been hiding her disappointment for years that we never gave her any presents at Christmas! Now that she realized we'd given her all of them, she was delighted. I. on the other hand, was mortified that the sweet mythology of Santa Claus had backfired for years without our realizing it.

By and large, my students remember taking the news well, so perhaps it's not







even when you get nothing in return. We do it for them, not for ourselves. Giving gifts from Santa is our annual training in thanklessness

Not everyone goes through this second rite of passage. Not everyone chooses to re-enter the Santa Claus myth as an adult. Plenty of people, once they've learned there's no Santa Claus, take that disillusionment, that brutal fact of life, to heart. They become "realistic." Life, such people tell us — and we know lots of these people — is hard: there's no Prince Charming, no Fairy Godmother, no Santa. We all know people who've told us this in so many words: "I won't lie to my children. They don't need this Santa stuff. This is the modern world. They ought to know the truth."

But every year the Santa myth reaches out to these people too, with Miracle on 34th Street. Maureen O'Hara is a wonderful mom, but she's definitely a modern mom a single mom (a war widow?), an ambitious working mom. She's strong and smart, and she's making it in a man's world. The school of hard knocks has taught her to have no illusions, just reason and common sense, and she's raising her little girl to see the world without illusions, fantasies. fiction or make-believe. She has no doubts that this is what modern enlightened parenthood is about. No Santa Claus for Susie, not in 1947! Susie's an 8-year-old adult. (Cringe.)

Our warm-hearted male lead is a sensitive guy who loves this thoroughly modern mom but sees her realism for what it really is, the symptom of a damaged heart, and comes to the rescue. I won't rehash the plot. If you don't know it, let me recommend it. It won two Oscars. It's a classic.

This movie is about the second rite of passage. By the age of 8 we all know that Santa doesn't exist — well, he doesn't exist *literally*. At that age, a story's either true or false. That's when kids start asking. "Did this really happen, or is it just a story?" At that age, either you believe it or not. The

movie is about returning to the question of belief as an adult, and learning that it's not quite that simple. There are different modes of belief, because there are different kinds of truth. This is what Veyne says about Greek myths too.

We mustn't be so literal-minded that we reject all those truths that can only be expressed in symbols because when fact becomes our bottom line, what happens to our ideals — imagination, art, tolerance, tenderness, love, mercy, justice, peace? This movie, like A Christmas Carol and It's a Wonderful Life, poses the question, What would society look like if it were realistic instead of idealistic? It would be the society of Ebenezer Scrooge and Mister Potter, a society of rampant cynicism, selfishness, greed, materialism and political corruption. It would be a society with a payday loan office on the corner.

The social rituals attached to the myth of Santa Claus make us reconsider what belief itself is, and what it's for. They keep us from becoming too realistic. It's funny: When we're kids, belief in Santa takes the form of a desire for all the material things he'll bring us — gross, infantile, material wish-fulfillment. But when we're grown up, belief in Santa takes the form of loving generosity. That is, when the myth is working, it guides us from infantile narcissism to adult wisdom, which all ancient wisdom traditions agree consists in selflessness.

In the end, Santa's a myth about the dynamics of belief itself: You believe in it, then you don't believe in it, then you believe in it again in a different way, on a higher level. Our December rituals help regulate the transition from childhood to adulthood, from one kind of belief to another. Like other myths, this one serves many purposes — it's even an engine for the economy — but perhaps the most important purpose of all is that it keeps the problem of belief itself before our eyes.

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# hapenig

Some of us march for our causes; others write their congresspeople. But for the artist known as **Buckethead**, the best way to get his point across is to wear it. The eccentric musician says he wears a chicken bucket over his head during performances to symbolize the slaughter of chickens for the fast-food trade. He might not succeed very well in getting his point across about animal cruelty – it can be a little hard to take a man seriously when he looks like a Muppet – but he is highly regarded in the rock world for his outlandish performances and hard rock guitar thrashing. He most recently made headlines for the guitar work he did on the disappointing Guns N' Roses album Chinese Democracy, but he was smart enough to get off that sinking ship fast and stopped touring with GNR in 2002. The Buckethead/ Axl show's ship might have sailed, but you still have a chance to see the controversial musician up close and minus the baggage. 8 pm Saturday, Dec. 27,

at the McDonald

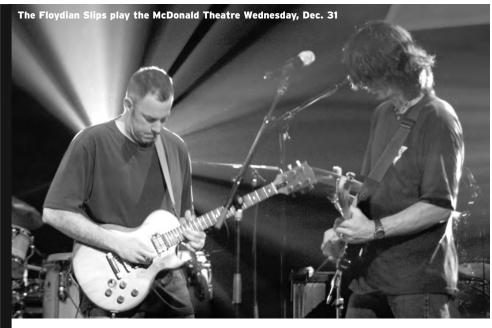
Theater. \$25 adv.,

\$28 door.



front door of the fridge and certainly never gets the critique or audience that it should. But art galleries around town have taken a strong interest in the imaginative creations of adolescents, and children as young as six are proudly displaying their pieces alongside veteran artisans. For a chance to see just what comes out of the minds of babes, visit the Pilgrim's Way Bookstore during the Last Friday **Artwalk** and see the work of some talented youth. Featured artists include the Jaquette siblings, Mikaela, 14, Isabel, 8, and Daniel, 6, who have all had their paintings displayed at several shows in the past two years. Their work just might make you think again before you toss out one of your child's 'doodles." See www.lastfridayartwalk.org and Friday Calendar.

Whether it's in your living room behind closed shades, inebriated in a club or on stage in front of thousands, sometimes you just gotta dance. For some of us, the urge to dance starts when we are young and continues on throughout our lives, taking on many forms and purposes. Most of our dancing lacks in style or form, but if you are brave enough you might have taken a class in ballroom or spiced up your life with some salsa or swing dance. Lucky for you, this week offers perfect opportunities to show off your skills or learn some new ones. For a chance to reenact a scene from the movie *Swingers*, check out The **Eugene Swing Dance Club's Holiday Dance** on Saturday, Dec. 27, at Agate Hall, and then swing on by Creswell High School on New Year's Eve for another chance to do the jive or jitterbug or just sit in awe. If you are more of a solo dancer who scoffs at form and function, the Celebration Studio and Unity of the Valley are both offering spiritual dance on New Year's Eve. Either way, there are plenty of options to dance your way into the New Year.



Sunrise 7:46am; Sunset 4:39pm Av High 45; Av Low 33 SnarkCast: PURPLED

GATHERING Saturday Market's Holiday Market, featuring performances by Sharon Rogers. 10:30am: Tom Lemmon. 11:30am; Cigarbox Jerry & Uku-lele Adams, 12:30pm; The Rosen Sisters, 1:30pm; Americanistan, 3pm, 10am-4pm, Lane County Fairgrounds. www.holidaymarket.org FREE.

ON THE AIR "The Jefferson Exchange" discusses whether poetry is relevant anymore, 9am & 9pm, KRVM 1280 AM.

Sunrise 7:46am: Sunset 4:38pm Av High 45; Av Low 33 SnarkCast: PRE-NIP

**GATHERING** Senior Holiday Dinner, 1pm, Eugene Hilton. RSVP by Dec. 19, 682-5318 or 736-4444. \$5. SOLD OUT.

**ON THE AIR** "The Jefferson Exchange" discusses the rituals of the season, 9am & 9pm, KRVM 1280 AM.

"New Dimensions" presents "An Encounter with the Mystics" with Mirabai Starr, 6:30pm, KLCC 89.7 FM.

David Gizara hosts "Merry Beatles, A Cool Yule with the Fab Four," 9pm-midnight, KLCC 89.7 FM.

Sunrise 7:47am; Sunset 4:40pm Av High 45; Av Low 32 SnarkCast: HELLABULLO

ARTS/VISUAL Last Friday Art Walk, 6pm-9pm, various locations, Eugene. See www.last-fridayartwalk.org for a walking map. FREF

Madson, 6pm, Wandering Goat.

An opening for work by artists from the studio of Stephanie Tsuchida, 6pm, Pilgrim's Way Bookstore, 304 Blair. FREE.

**COMEDY** The Comedy Workout & PotPie Theater present "Post-Holiday Jollies," 7:30pm, Cozmic Pizza. \$5.

**MUSIC** Bobby Six Crows plays "Santa's Blues," 4pm, Don Kahuna's, 720 Main St., Spfd.

Sunrise 7:47am: Sunset 4:41pm Av High 45; Av Low 32 SnarkCast: POKEY

**FARMERS' MARKET** Hide-away Farmers' market, 9am-2pm (final day), 3377 E. Ama-zon (behind Mazzi's). FREE.

FOOD/DRINK Chocolate tasting clinic, 2pm & 7pm, Nib Dessert & Wine Bar. RSVP, 485-1269. FREE.

GATHERING Seminar on feral cats & trap-neuter-release, 1pm, Johnson Brothers Greenhouses, Coburg. FREE.

MUSIC Bow & Air-O, 2pm, Atrium bldg., 10th & Olive. FREE.

Buckethead, 8pm, McDonald Theater. \$25 adv., \$28 door.

OUTDOORS/RECREATION GEARs rides: Dale Kuni (bring food), 40 miles; Goshen (bring food), 20 miles, 9:30am, Alton Baker Park. www.eugenegears. org

**SOCIAL DANCE** Eugene Swing Dance Club Holiday Dance, 7pm lesson, 8pm-mid-night dance, Agate Hall, 18th & Agate. 463-8337. \$6-\$8.

Salsa dance w/Jose Cruz, 8:30pm, Cozmic Pizza. \$5.

Sunrise 7:47am; Sunset 4:42pn Av High 45; Av Low 32 SnarkCast: FLUISH

**ARTS/VISUAL** Fiber arts open studio, noon-4pm, Fox Hollow Farm & Fiber, 30781 Fox Hollow Rd. FREE.

**MUSIC** Greater Eugene Sacred Choir, 10:30am, Valley River Baptist Church, 1145 Willer Regiller Regill lagillespie Rd. Don.

Messiah Sing-through, feat. Robert Thompson on organ, followed by flaming plum pudding reception, 3pm, Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 3925 Hilyard.

OUTDOORS/RECREATION Obsidians hike: Trapper Creek to PCT, s'shoe, 5 miles. See YMCA for details/sign-up.

GEARs breakfast rides: Pleasant Hill/Wheeler, 45 miles; Pleasant Hill, 35 miles, 9:30am, Alton Baker Park. www.eugenegears.





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**GATHERING** Panel discussion on life and climate, 6:30pm, Cozmic Pizza. FREE.

**KIDS/FAMILIES** "Red Riding Hood & Hunker Jaw the Wolf" puppet show, 11am & 2pm at Downtown Library; 11am Jan. 2 at Sheldon Community Center. Register, 682-8316. FREE.



Sunrise 7:48am; Sunset 4:44pm Av High 45; Av Low 32 SnarkCast: GREENGUNK

**FILM** Oceans 11 (1960), 6:30pm, Koho Bistro. FREE.

**GATHERINGS** "Mental Health Client Voice in 2009" panel and community forum, 2pm, Downtown Library. 607-7020. FPFF

"Manga O Kudasai" workshop for teens, 2pm, Downtown Library. FREE.

Holiday Bowl party, 4:30pm, David Minor Theater. FREE.

**KIDS/FAMILIES** "Music in Action!" w/Rich Glauber, 11am, Bethel Library. FREE.

**ON THE AIR** "Alternative Radio" presents Kevin Phillips' lecture: "Swimming with the Sharks," 6:30pm, KLCC 89.7 FM





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### **SATURDAYS, 9:30–Noon** Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art 1430 Johnson Lane

### January 10, 17, 24, 31 Machiavelli's *Prince*

The notorious influential handbook of modern secular statecraft.

(Associate Professor Deborah Baumgold, Political Science)

### February 7, 14, 21, 28 Thomas More's *Utopia*

The ideal society, as imagined by Henry VIII's brilliant "Man for All Seasons." (Professor Jim Earl, English)

# **WEDNESDAYS, 6:30–9:00 p.m.**Browsing Room, Knight Library 1501 Kincaid Street

### January 7, 14, 21, 28 Joan of Arc

The many faces of Joan of Arc, poster girl of the Middle Ages.

(Professor Barbara Altmann, French)

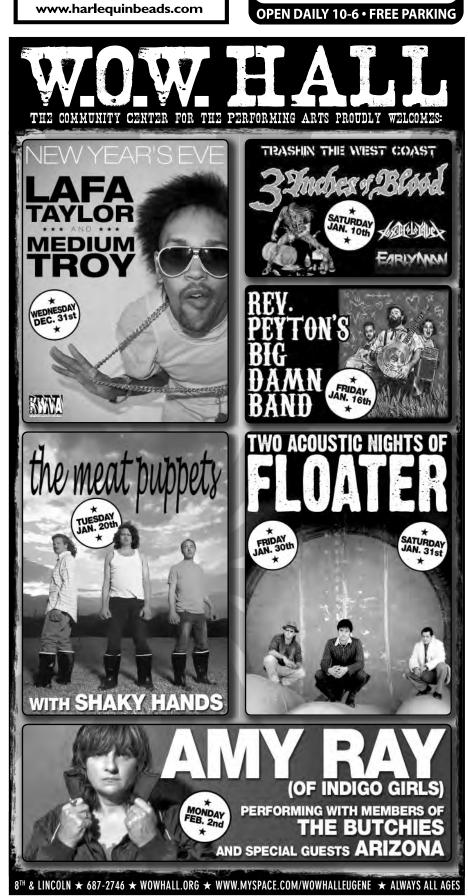
### February 4, 11, 18, 25 Indian Film

Studies)

Understanding Indian society through Bollywood's dazzling lens. (Professor Anita Weiss, International

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FOOD/DRINK Belgian healthy chocolate & chai happy hour, 7pm, Govinda's Restaurant, 1030 River Rd. 461-0093. \$2 chai w/free chocolate tastings.

**GATHERINGS** NYE Party for Seniors, feat. dancing, games, hors d'oeuvres, 8:30pm, Willamalane Center, Spfd. \$7 adv., \$10 door.

Orpheus in the Underworld New Year's Eve Gala, 10:30pm, Hult Center, www. eugeneopera.com

MUSIC Cymbaline, Honey Vizen, I DIED, Hobby Knife, more, 7pm, New Zone Gallery. \$2-\$5.

Deb Cleveland & The Vipers, The Michael Tracey Band, 8pm, Vet's Club Ballroom. \$20 adv., \$25 door.

Samba Ja, Vega, 9pm, Cozmic Pizza.

The Floydian Slips, 9pm, McDonald Theatre. \$20.

Eleven Eyes, Disco Organica, 9:30pm, Sam Bond's, 21+.

Lafa Taylor, Medium Troy, 9:30pm, WOW Hall. \$16 adv., \$20 door.

SOCIAL DANCE NYE Swing Dance, feat. Creswell High Jazz Band, 8:30pm-midnight, Creswell High School. 895-2728. \$20 couple, \$10 stu. couple.

**SPIRITUAL** "Remember, Release and Renew," an evening of chant, movement & reflection, 7pm, Unity of the Valley, 39th & Hilyard. Don.

THEATER Eugene Opera presents Orpheus in the Underworld, 7:30pm today & 2:30pm Jan. 3, Hult Center.

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Note - Continuation dates for out-oftown events are listed under the first day of the event.

FRIDAY, DEC. 26 Willamette STAGE Co. presents The Retreat from Moscow 8pm today & tomorrow, Corvallis High School. www.willamettestage.org or 368-7092. \$19, \$16 stu., sr.

Corvallis Community Theater presents The Importance of Being Earnest,

7:30pm today & tomorrow; 2:30pm tomorrow & Dec. 28. Majestic Theater. www.corvalliscommunitytheatre.org

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31** New Year's Eve Hoof 'n Holler Bull Ride & Dance, 7:30pm, Linn Co. Fair & Expo Center, Albany. www.wildwesteventsinc.com

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THURSDAY, DEC. 25 Zoolights Festival, 5pm-8pm today through Dec. 28, Oregon Zoo. www.oregonzoo.org

FRIDAY, DEC. 26 Sol Serenade, 9pm, The Landmark, Yachats. FREE.

SATURDAY, DEC. 27 DeVotchKa, Norfolk & Western, Vagabond Opera, 9pm, Crystal Ballroom, PDX. \$23.

Wine tasting: "Red, White Sparkling," 1pm-4pm, The Wine Place, Yachats. FREE.

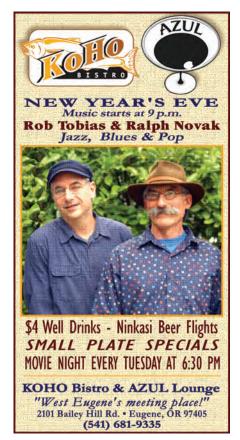
J.R. Sims & Texas Special, 9pm, The Landmark, Yachats. FREE.

**MONDAY, DEC. 29** Railroad Earth, 9pm today, tomorrow and Dec. 31, Aladdin Theater, PDX. \$30 (\$55 Dec.



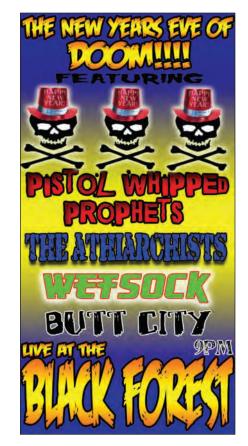




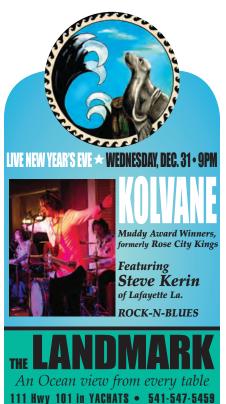








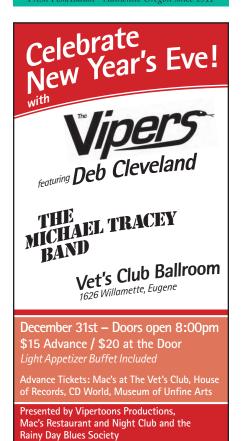




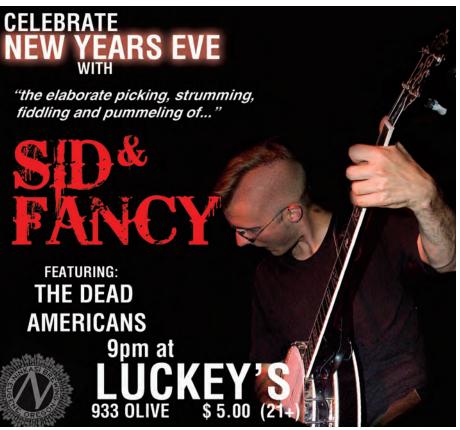
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Pink Martini, Foghorn String Band, 8pm, Crystal Ballroom,

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31 Fir Ball '09, feat, Nick Jaina Band, Bark Hide & Horn, 9pm, Doug Fir Lounge, PDX. 21+. \$17.

Nightclubbing vs. Hot Mess, Explode Into Colors, White Fang, 8pm, Holocene, PDX. 21+. \$12.

Wine tasting: "All Bubbly," 1pm-4pm, The Wine Place, Yachats. FREE.

Kolvane, 9pm, The Landmark,



Auditions for Trial By Fire TheatreWorks' premiere of Das Kaspar (The Puppet Theater) will be held 2pm-8pm Jan. 10 & 11 at LCC. trialbyfiretheatre@hotmail.com or 683-1429 to check out a script.

Auditions Theater's live musica benefit production of *Chicago* will be held 7pm Jan. 8-10. Roles for 22 men and women with attitude. www.majestic.org

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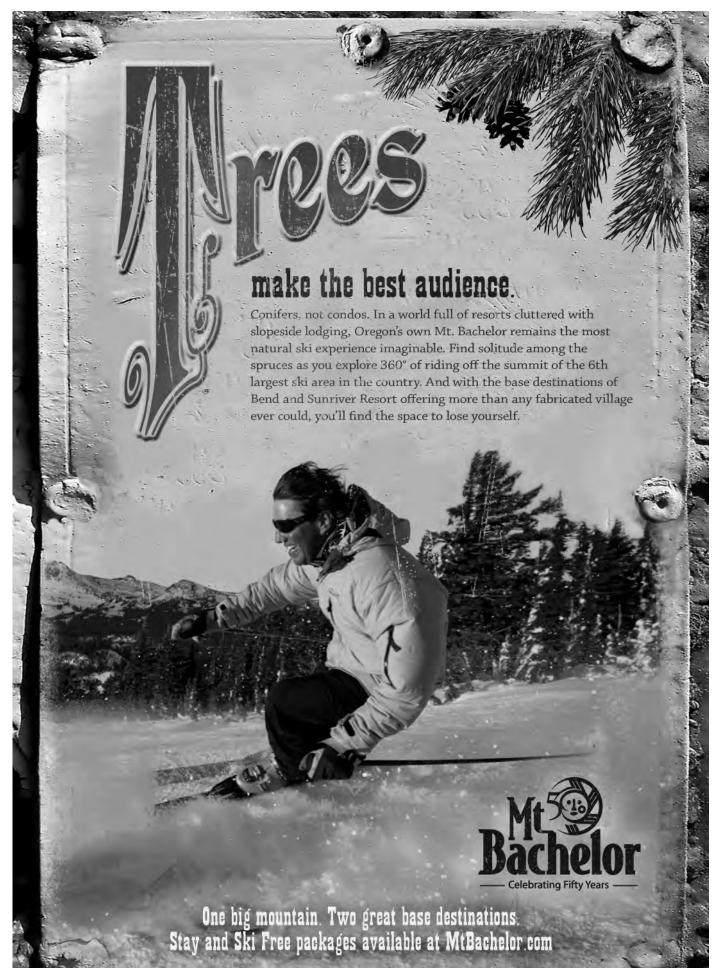
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### **OPENING**

Pilgrim's Way Bookstore Work by the students of Stephanie Tsuchida, through Jan. 19. An opening is 6pm Friday. 10am-5pm M-F; noon-2pm Su. 304 Blair.

Wandering Goat Work by James Madson, through Jan. 29. An opening is 6pm Friday. 7am-11pm M-F; 8am-midnight Sa; 8am-9pm Su. 268 Madison.

### CONTINUING

**Backstreet Gallery** Paintings & art books by Jennifer French, through Dec. 30. 11am-5pm W-Sa. 327 Laurel

Benton County Historical Society Philomath Open Studios Tour & Sale, through Dec. 27. 1101 Main St., Philomath.

**Blue Moon Jewelry Designs** "Texture," metalwork by Tracey Bell, Margarita O'Brien and Ren Ford, through Jan. 1. 115 W. 6th Ave

**BRING Gallery** "ReCraft Bazaar" group show, through Jan. 2. 8:30am-5pm M-Sa; 10am-5pm Su. 4446 Franklin Blvd., Glenwood.

Choppers Hair Studio Nature photography by Dawn Laderer, through Dec. 31. 11am-7pm Tu-Sa.

David Joyce Gallery "Oregon's Beautiful Bounty," images of the fall bounty in Oregon, through Jan. 12. 8am-5pm M-F. Center for Meeting & Learning, LCC.

Diablo's Downtown Lounge "Our Other Selves: An exploration into our seldom-visited personalities," photography by Robert Williams, through Dec. 31. 959 Pearl St.

**DIVA** Photography by Michael Northup, through Dec. 27. Noon-5pm Tu-Sa. 110 W. Broadway.

Dr. Don Dexter "Stories in Cloth: Quilted Art & Wildlife," work by Phyliss Prom and Sandee Soleim, through Jan. 30. 8am-5pm M-F. 2233 Willamette St., Bldg. B.

Emerald Art Center "Equus." paintings by Sisy Anderson; plus work by Don Burgess, Leigh Avery and Michele Thorp, through Jan. 3. 11am-4pm Tu-Sa. 500 Main Street,

Fenario Gallery Mixed-media installations by Mark Lammi, through Jan. 10. Noon-6pm Tu-Sa. 881 Willamette St.

Gateway Gallery Work by Darrel Shults, Debby Sundbaum-Sommers Dan McKenzie, Sandy Janiszewski and Rinee Merritt, through Jan. 31. 10am-6pm W-F; noon-5pm Sa-Su. 1233 Main St., Philomath.

**Imagine** Jewelry by Robin Mix, through Dec. 31. 10am-7pm M-Sa; 10am-6pm Su. 296 E. 5th.

Infinity Mercantile Paintings & collage by Marilyn Kent, through Dec. 29. Noon-7pm M-Sa. 296 E. 5th.

**Island Park Art Gallery** "Muse Art," artists' images of musicians, through Jan. 22. Willamalane Adult Activity Center, Spfd.



The Rising of Two Suns and other silk paintings by Merideth Ferrell show at New Zone Gallery through Dec. 31

Jeremy Covert Gallery Paintings by Greta Ashworth; sculpture by Terry Weis; ceramics by Jeff Richards and Ariel Shriner, through Jan. 1. 269 W. 8th.

Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art "NewArt Northwest" student art show, through Feb. 22. "Cuba Avant-Garde: Contemporary Art from the Farber Collection," through from the Farber Collection," through Jan. 4. "Designed by Architects: Metalwork from the Margo Grant Walsh Collection," through Jan. 25. "Iconicity," ongoing installation. Ilam-8pm W; 11am-5pm Tu & Th-Su. 1430 Johnson Ln., UO. \$5, \$3 stu. & sr., FREE UO stu., faculty, staff. (2-for-1 Tuesdays.)

**Kitsch** Drawings and other work b Aaron T. Sullivan, through Dec. 31. 1016 Willamette.

**Knight Law Center Galleries** "Birds for Books," illustrations of birds by Larry McQueen, through July 31. 9am-5pm M-F. Knight Law Center, UO.

La Follette Gallery "Inherently Sacred," mixed media prints by Jody Dunphy, through Dec. 31. 10am-6pm M-F, 10am-5pm Sa. 931 Oak.

M.E.C.C.A. Group Art Doll Show, through Dec. 31. 43 W. Broadway.

Museum of Natural & Cultural History "Rock, Water, Fire, Earth, and Sky: Photographs of the Orego West by David N. Jones," through March 1. "Oregon: Where Past is

Present" exhibit, ongoing. 11am-5pm W-Su. 1680 E. 15th. \$3, \$2 youths, sr.

Museum of Unfine Art "Manic and Hyper-Realism," work by Jeremy Covert and Shawn Mediaclast, through Jan. 14. 11am-6pm M-Sa. 537 Willamette.

New Zone Gallery Silk paintings, by Merideth Ferrell, through Dec. 31. Naoon-6pm Tu-Sa. 164 W. Broadway.

**Opus6ix** Paintings by Jenny Grav through Jan. 10. 10am-6pm Tu-Sa 22 W. 7th.

**Savona's** "The Pretties," drawings by Christopher Cook, through Jan. 8. 1038 Willamette.

Studio West "Origins," paintings by Edgar Sanchez Cumbas sculpture by Conrad William through Feb. 2. 11am-6pm Tu-Th & Su; 11am-9pm F & Sa. 245 W. 8th.

**Tsunami Books** "Free Fall," paintings by Mara Berendt Friedman, through Dec. 31. 2585 Willamette.

WineStyles Work by Rebecca La Mothe, through Dec. 31. 2846 Willamette.

WOW Hall Work by Tommy Waggener, Rob Adams, Travis Weaver, Rachel Grudzen, Calyn Kelly, Kayte McDonald and Kimberly Adams, through Dec. 31. Noon-6pm M-F. WOW Hall, 291 W. 8th.





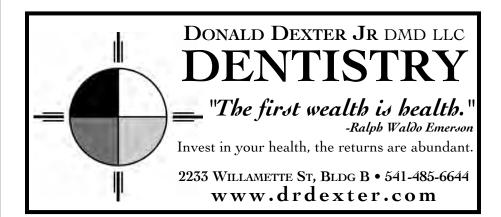




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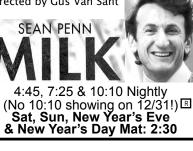
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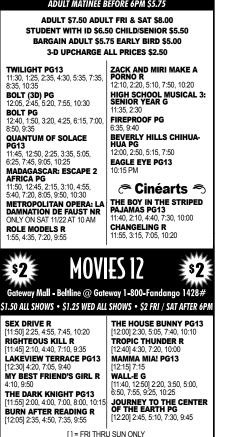


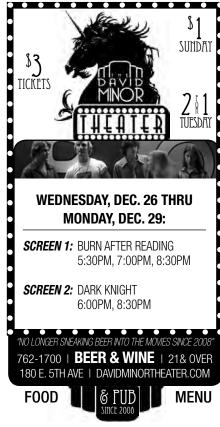


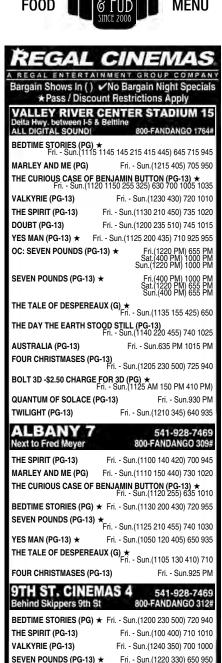












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# **Spontaneous Combustion**

Jim Carrey abandons the world of no

YES MAN: Directed by Peyton Reed. Written by Nicholas Stoller, Jarrad Paul and Andrew Mogel, based on the book by Danny Wallace. Cinematography, Robert D. Yeoman. Music, Mark Everett and Lyle Workman. Starring Jim Carrey, Zooey Deschanel, Bradley Cooper, Danny Masterson and Terence Stamp. Warner Bros., 2008. PG-13. 104 minutes. ★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆

ust say no. No, man. A million times no. Like another less than stellar film this year, What Just Happened?, Yes Man practically writes its own headlines. It could have worked the other way, too: Imagine all those "Yes, yes!" jokes had this one-note comedy been delightfully funny or surprisingly good. Or, you know, don't bother. For that matter. don't bother with anything about Yes Man, a one-trick pony of a comedy about living in the happy middle ground of maybe.

Jim Carrey is Carl Allen, master of no. Carl doesn't just say no to things; Carl means no even when he says yes. He'd rather stay home and watch one of the Saw flicks than show up at his friend's engagement party. His job as a loan officer is particularly handy for saying no a lot. But one day, an old buddy turns up, pushes Carl's buttons and stuffs a brochure for a Yes Man seminar into Carl's hands before running off. And for some reason, Carl goes. Carl, who says no to everything, goes to the seminar about saying yes. We're already in dubious territory, no? But at the seminar, Terrence Bundley (a well-cast Terence Stamp) convinces Carl that he's got to say yes. To everything.

And there's your movie. Carl says

yes to things which leads to other things. The best of those things is Allison (Zooey Deschanel), a scooter-riding, running/ photography class-teaching musician in a band called Munchausen By Proxy. (The worst is a noxious scene with Carl's elderly neighbor, who has a special way of rewarding Carl for helping her put up some shelves.) Allison wouldn't have had much in common with the old Carl, but the new Carl is all open to life and stuff; he's willing to join her class for a morning and learn to drive her scooter. He's so spontaneous, he even jets off on a random vacation to Nebraska with her — a vacation that exists mostly to set up an absurd (but not absurdly funny) moment in which Carl is under suspicion of being a terrorist. This, in turn, only happens so that Carl's lawyer buddy can explain about the yes thing, and Allison can get rightfully pissed at Carl.

Yes Man is entirely like this: The scenes feed into each other, but they don't give the audience anything. The movie's slender point — that saying yes constantly is probably not any better than saying no constantly; life requires more thought than that or at least a dose of moderation can't carry an entire film, at least not one written in such a slapdash manner (it's a disappointment to find Nicholas Stoller, who directed the far funnier Forgetting Sarah Marshall, among Yes Man's writers). It doesn't help that at times, Yes Man feels like an overly long commercial for other Warner Bros. properties: Carl's goofy coworker Norman (Rhys Darby from The Flight of the Conchords) throws two costume parties, one essentially an ad for Harry Potter (which would have been downright timely had the sixth film not been postponed), the other for 300. If you get really bored, you can count the other product placement moments and ask yourself whether Yes Man's message is really to say yes to life — then have a Rolling Rock and buy a Ducati. You wouldn't want to turn down these opportunities, right? ew

Yes Man is now playing at Cinemark and VRC

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### **movie\_clips**

### Opening or returning:

Bedtime Stories: Adam Sandler's world goes wacky when the tales he spins for his niece and nephew start to come true – or so he thinks. It's not all up to him, though. PG. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15. (Starts 12/25.)

Body of Lies: Ridley Scott's latest follows a CIA operative (Leonardo DiCaprio) working to infiltrate a terrorist network – after winning the support of a canny CIA vet (Russell Crowe). Looks annoyingly familiar, but *The New Yorker* says "it has a throat-gripping urgency and some serious insights." R. Movies 12.

Burn After Reading: The Coen brothers follow up the dark No Country For Old Men with this comedy about an ex-CIA spy's memoir that falls into the hands of a couple of gym employees. With George Clooney, John Malkovich, Tilda Swinton, Frances McDormand and Brad Pitt. R. 96 min. David Minor Theater. ★★☆☆ (9/18)

Curious Case of Benjamin Button, The: David Fincher (Fight Club) takes a different direction with this story of a man (Brad Pitt) who is born at the age of 80 and ages backwards throughout his life. Based on a short story by F. Scott Fitzgerald and costarring Cate Blanchett. PG13. 159 min. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15. (Starts 12/25.)

**Doubt**: John Patrick Shanley directs this adaptation of his prizewinning play about a nun and the priest she believes is paying too much attention to a student. Starring Meryl Streep, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Amy Adams and Viola Davis. PG13. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15. (Starts 12/25.)

High School Musical 3: Senior Year: The earnestness practically drips off the screen in the preview for this movie, which brings the cable-TV smash into theaters for OMGI

which brings the cable-TV smash into theaters for OMG! Senior year! With Zac Efron and the rest of the fresh-faced teen stars. G. 112 min. Movies 12.

Marley and Me: Owen Wilson and Jennifer Aniston are the owners of one very badly behaved dog in this adaptation of John Grogan's bestselling book. Directed by David Frankel (*The Devil Wears Prada*). PG. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15. (Starts 12/25.)

Ocean's 11 (1960): The original Danny Ocean caper, starring Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr., shows for Azul Lounge's movie night. 6:30 pm Tuesday, Dec. 30, Koho Bistro/Azul Lounge. Free.

Spirit, The: A rookie cop (Gabriel Macht) returns from the dead to guard his city from Samuel L. Jackson's nasty Octopus. One assumes he is often distracted by the goofily named Sand Saref (Eva Mendes), Plaster of Paris (Paz Vega) and Silken Floss (Scarlett Johansson). PGI3. 108 min. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15. (Starts 12/25.)

Valkyrie: Bryan Singer (*The Usual Suspects*) directs this WWII flick about Claus von Stoffenberg (Tom Cruise) and a plot to murder Adolf Hitler. With Kenneth Branagh, Bill Nighy, Tom Wilkinson, Eddie Izzard and Terence Stamp. PG13. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15. (Starts 12/25.)

**W**: Oliver Stone's new biopic looks at the life of our current commander-in-chief (played by Josh Brolin). The *Hollywood* 

Reporter says Stone "goes out of his way to give Bush a fair hearing," but others disagree. PG13. Movies 12. ★ ★ ★ ☆ (10/23)

Films open the Friday following EW publication date unless otherwise noted. See archived reviews at www.eugeneweekly.com

### **CONTINUING:**

Australia: The latest from Baz Luhrman (Moulin Rouge!) concerns an uppercrust Englishwoman (Nicole Kidman) who inherits a farm in northern Australia before WWII. With the help of a cattle driver (Hugh Jackman), she protects it from a takeover, but bigger problems are on the way. PG13. 165 min. Movies 12. VRC Stadium 15. ★★☆☆ (12/4)

Beverly Hills Chihuahua: A Taco Bell commercial stretched out to feature length with a paper-thin plot about a rich girl (er, dog, voiced by Drew Barrymore) who needs to get home from scary Mexico? Ugh. PG. Movies 12.

Bolt: Wacky adventures ensue when a dog who thinks he's a superhero – he's never been off the set of his TV show – finds himself loose in New York. With the voices of John Travolta and Miley Cyrus. PG. 96 min. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15.

Changeling: The latest from Clint Eastwood tells the true story of Christine Collins (Angelina Jolie), whose son was kidnapped. When he's returned months later, she realizes the boy brought to her is not her child – but the LAPD doesn't like being made to look bad and won't admit the mistake. With John Malkovich. R. 141 min. Movies 12.

Dark Knight, The: Christopher Nolan's second take on the alter ego of Bruce Wayne (Christian Bale), who has a new nemesis in the Joker (Heath Ledger, earning whispers of a posthumous Oscar nod), is both an enthrallingly entertaining summer action movie and a complicated moral tangle. With Maggie Gyllenhaal, Michael Caine and Aaron Eckhart. PGI3.152 min. Movies 12. David Minor Theater.

### Day the Earth Stood Still,

The: Keanu Reeves stars as an alien whose arrival on earth seems like pretty bad news for humanity. Cool effects! Jennifer Connelly! High hopes! And a pretty cool preview, too. PG13. 92 min. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15.

**Eagle Eye**: Shia LaBeouf and Michelle Monaghan are strangers thrown together by the instruction-filled phone calls of a woman who tells them to do all sorts of crazy, dangerous things. What the hell is going on? Will anybody care? Directed by D.J. Caruso (*Disturbia*). PG13. Movies 12.

Four Christmases: Reese Witherspoon and Vince Vaughn are a couple whose sneaky evasions of family holiday duties backfire when ... oh, it's complicated. But then they have to visit ALL their parents! What fate could be worse? PGI3. A paltry 82 min. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15.

**Igor**: When Igor gets sick of being an evil scientist's assistant, he and two companions (a previously dead bunny and a brain in a jar) try to create their own terrible monster. Things go terribly awry – and they need to help save the world! Oddly enough, this cutely macabre animated tale came to life with no help from Tim Burton. Voice of John Cusack, Steve Buscemi and Jennifer Coolidge. PG. 87 min. Movies 12.

Milk: Gus Van Sant's biopic about Harvey Milk (Sean Penn), the country's first openly gay elected official, is earning glowing reviews; "Milk is a marvel," says The New York Times, while The Village Voice says, "Milk is so immediate that it's impossible to separate the movie's moment from this one." With Josh Brolin, James Franco and Diego Luna. R. 128 min. Bijou. ★★★★ (12/11)

Quantum of Solace: Daniel Craig returns in the first real Bond sequel; this picks up shortly after the end of Casino Royale, and Bond is still stinging from that movie's close. Actually, if you've seen Casino recently, it'll be a blessing (because you'll remember what it has to do with this muddled tale) and a curse (because you'll remember how much better it was). PGI3. 106 min. VRC Stadium 15. ★★☆☆ (11/20)

Role Models: The latest from David Wain (Stella, The Ten) concerns two men (Paul Rudd and Seann William Scott) forced to do some unexpected growing up when they find they've got to take part in a mentoring program – or go to jail. Costarring McLovin (er, Christopher Mintz-Plasse) and the always fantastic Jane Lynch. R. 99 min. Movies 12.

**Seven Pounds**: Will Smith reunites with the director of *The Pursuit of Happyness* for this story about a man with a secret who changes the lives of seven strangers. PG13. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15.

Slumdog Millionaire: The latest from Danny Boyle (Trainspotting) is a Mumbaiset fairy tale about life and the pursuit of love and happiness via Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (it's not quite as simple as that maybe sounds). Slumdog is long on setting and its tangled plot is creative, but it's short on emotional resonance, though its young actors are solid. R. 120 min. Bijou. \*\* \*\* \*\* \*\* \*\* \*\* (12/18)

Tale of Despereaux, The: A tiny, heroic mouse with big ears undertakes a complicated journey in a medieval world. Based on the Newbery Medal-winning book by Kate DiCamillo, and starring the voices of Matthew Broderick, Robbie Coltrane and Dustin Hoffman. G. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15.

Twilight: That sound you hear is the building screams of Twilight fans whose beloved novel (by Stephenie Meyer) is arriving in cinematic form. It's the story of vampire Edward (Robert Pattison), his human beloved, Bella (Kristen Stewart), and their extremely-chaste-yet-beset-by-inhuman-rials romance. PG13. 122 min. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15.

★★☆☆☆ (11/26)

Yes Man: Jim Carrey is the man who says "Yes." And he says it to all sorts of things. Not even the moment when he and costar Zooey Deschanel dress up in Harry Potter costumes can save this film from its own blandness. PG13. 104 min. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15. See review this issue.



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# Partying in Hell

'Yes, Eugene, we can-can'

he advertising may say things like "Hell" and "Damnation," but the cast of the satirical operetta Orpheus in the Underworld takes time out of rehearsals to sing "Happy Birthday" to its members

The Eugene Opera opens a crowded but spectacular 32nd season with this light, funny, politically pointed piece by Jacques Offenbach that makes fun of celebrity, morals and rulers today with as much élan as it did in 1858 France under Napoleon III. Not only that, but it's got the famous music of the "Can-Can Dance," originally written for this production.

"We have a fantastic production," says Eugene Opera Executive Director Mark Beudert, who's directing Orpheus. "This cast has taken the ball, and they are running with it."

The chorus and some of the principals, carrying signs that say "Yes, Eugene, We Can-Can," have been singing on the streets and in the malls. They've also flyered the town to create more interest in an opera that Beudert says people in Eugene don't really know. "It's as funny as last year's Pirates of Penzance," Beudert says. Despite the humorous nature of the opera, which is sung in an English translation, sales appear

a bit slow — which is why the exuberant cast has fanned out across the city in recent days. Sometimes, however, their energy needs direction.

"No! Keep the ball down!" Beudert shouts

over the music during a Winter Solstice rehearsal. The yellow beach ball floats and bounces anyway as the gods organize an escape from heaven. They're tired of their Olympic existence and in need of something other than that nasty ambrosia and the disgusting nectar, so they head to the Underworld for one Hell of a party.

Why are they going to Hell? Well, Public Opinion (the sparkling Sarah Mattox, who took Eugene by storm as Suzuki in last year's production of Madame Butterfly) tells them to. More specifically, she forces Orpheus (Karl



Reyes, the tenor who beautifully sang Goro in Madame Butterfly) to go appeal for the gods' help. You see, Orpheus, that famous violinist, has many affairs, and his wife Eurydice (Joelle Harvey) is getting some of her own — with Pluto, god of the underworld (baritone and local fave Douglas Webster), who eventually takes her to live with him. The celebrity couple hate each other and couldn't be happier with this turn of events, but Public Opinion

> won't stand for Orpheus' joy. But what will happen when yet another god — Jupiter, played by Sandy Naishtat — falls for the beautiful Eurydice? In Hell, gardener John Styx (played by famous tenor

and University of Michigan prof George Shirley) might have something to say about that. The louche gods and goddesses reflect the morals of the ruling class in France's Second Empire — or maybe of today, Beudert says.

"People ask me, 'Does anyone go to the opera to enjoy it?" Beudert says, "Well, in Eugene, they do, because we recognize what the performance is." Beudert believes the community will come through with support. "The cast is fired up, and Eugene should come and see this. They're going to have a great time!"



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# Old Acquaintance, Not Forgot

Ringing in 2009 with the Eugene music scene

t's possible, isn't it, that 2009 is even more new-centric than most new years? New president, new hopes, new challenges, new this and that. But 2008 isn't quite ready to let go yet. It wants you to remember that it wasn't all bad. It wants you to kiss it goodbye to the strains of tunes you may already know: New Year's Eve is ablaze with Eugene regulars. There's barely a not-local band in the mix! So get out there and support your friends, your neighbors, your second cousins and ex-boyfriends as they usher in '09 with a song.

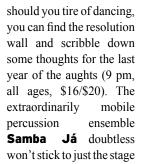
At Sam Bond's, ring the year in with the reader-voted Best Jazz Band in town, **Eleven Eyes** — a NYE staple of sorts — and **Disco Organica**. (9:30 pm, 21+, \$8-\$10). Speaking of staples, it wouldn't really be New Year's in Eugene without a **Satin Love Orchestra** show, would it? You'll find them at the Valley River Inn this time around. The clearly beloved in Eugene **Floydian Slips** celebrate another holiday with Eugene at the McDonald Theatre (9 pm, all ages, \$20/\$25). The Hilton Ballroom, another NYE standard, hosts **The Essentials** and their funk, soul and R&B originals and covers (9 pm, 21+, \$25)

Blues fans have two choices in one building: Head over to 16th and Willamette for **Big Monti** at Mac's at the Vet's (9 pm, 21+, \$10), or **The Vipers** featuring **Deb Cleveland** at the Vet's Club Ballroom (8 pm, 21+, \$15/\$20). The ballroom show also features **The Michael Tracey Band**; ticket price includes a light appetizer buffet. If you're in one of those charming

hamlets near Eugene and don't feel like making the drive in on this particular evening, you might be in luck: Venetians and Elmartians can meet at Macenzi's Too for a night with **Eagle Park Slim** or at Yukon Jack's with **Go 2 11**. Down south in Cottage Grove, the Axe & Fiddle hosts the **Guitar Recovery Project** (who list their influences as Bob Dylan and Chaka Khan), the dapper-dressing multi-instrumentalists of **Glutton Mouth** and **DJ Donald 5 Pennies** (8:30 pm, 21+, \$5). In Junction City, Earl's Juke Joint is home to **Normal Bean**'s New Year's Eve celebrations.

Downtown Eugene and its surrounding environs offer a plethora of musical options. At the WOW Hall, **Lafa Taylor** and **Medium Troy** are the stars of a "mustashio bashio" — get growin', fellas! At this show,





at Cozmic Pizza, where they share a bill with **Vega** (9 pm, all ages, \$10). At Luckey's, you get "pirate rock" from **Manoverboard** as well as **The Dead Americans** and the footstomping **Sid and Fancy** (9:30 pm, 21+, \$5). At Oak Street Speakeasy, catch genre-hopping **Bazil Rathbone** and jazzyfunky **Basin and Range** (9 pm, 21+, free).

If you just wanna dance, head to John Henry's for the oldie but goodie **reggae vs. hip hop night** (10 pm, 21+) or to the Indigo District for "old school/new school music" from **DJ Billy** and **DJ Food Stamp** and their four turntables (21+, \$5, free with student ID). You can doubtless get some good groves on at the Downtown Lounge's **Studio 54** party, which features **DJs Supa J** and **Ceezer** as well as appropriately funky music from **Jesse Lee Falls** (9 pm, 21+, \$7).

New Zone Gallery goes experimental



with Cymbaline, Honey Vizer, I DIED and Hobby Knife (7 pm, all ages, \$2-\$5). At Max's, Yardbirds tribute band The London Flush and jug band Whiskey Moon compete for floor space with drinkers (9:30 pm, 21+, \$4). Acoustic duo Bajauna Tea celebrates the release of their new CD Take a Sip at the Agate Alley Bistro (8 pm, all ages, free). In west Eugene, Rob Tobias and Ralph Novak entertain folks at Koho Bistro's Azul lounge (9 pm, free), and The Astoria is the place to rock, with Face of Order, Issa, Lyckwyd and Hyding Jekyll (9 pm, 21+, \$5).

Since the Eve is still a week away, doubtless more possibilities will arise between now and that moment when everyone starts kissing strangers and singing out of tune. This week's Nightlife section is an expanded eight-day calendar to make planning easier, but check it again on the 31st — there might be more!

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### **Eccentric Cellos**

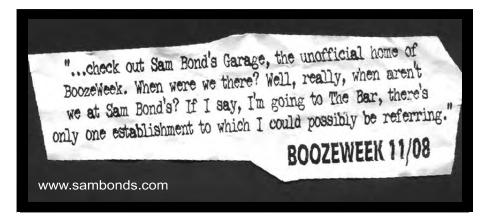
Since Doug Jenkins finished his cello studies at the UO a few years ago, he's been enriching the Portland music scene with his pop band Bright Red Paper, his work with some of the region's finest indie acts (Weinland, Musee Mecanique, Point Juncture, WA) and, maybe most surprisingly, the Portland Cello Project, which has garnered national attention for Jenkins' inventive, multi-cello arrangements of everything from Beethoven and Bach to Britney Spears and Led Zeppelin. Having collaborated with much of the



city's indie rock royalty and drawn strong young audiences to its own concerts, PCP is making cellos cool. Now a half dozen of the intrepid cellistas, plus percussionist, are touring with the freaky, inverted-KFC-container-wearing masked electric/eccentric guitarist called **Buckethead**, who's unleashed torrents of thrashy experimental metal and various other styles, particularly in his many collaborations, over a baker's dozen of albums. PCP will try to match the eccentricity ante with music from Manuel de Falla to the Super Mario Bros. theme and other video game sounds to cellicious covers of Pantera. Slaver, Portland's own Norfolk & Western and more.

Portland Cello Project and Buckethead perform at 8 pm Saturday, Dec. 27, at the McDonald Theater. \$25 adv., \$28 door. – *Brett Campbell* 





### WEDNESDAY DEC. 24

DAVIS' DJ Sunday Smith-10; Lounge, world

**DOWNTOWN LOUNGE** Downtown Blues

EARL'S JUKE JOINT Acoustic/electric

EUGENE CITY BREWERY Bingo-7:30; n/c GOODFELLAS Mr. Wizard-9:30; n/c INDIGO DISTRICT DJ Billy's '90s Night-10; Hip hop, R&B, rock, dance, \$2 JOGGER'S DJ Tino-10; Hip hop, R&B,

JOHN HENRY'S D.I Kal Fl vs. D.I MAC'S AT THE VET'S CLUB Irish session

band-8:30; n/c MAX'S Lonesome Randall-7; Rock history,

OAK ST. SPEAKEASY DJ Joshua Lee & Friends-9; DJ dance, n/c

PAPA'S SOUL FOOD KITCHEN Delta Blues

QUAKERS Open mic blues iam-8:30: \$2 SAMURAI DUCK The Mid-Rangers-9 TAYLOR'S Di Simv-10: House, hip hop world flavors DJ Toby-7; Reggae

### THURSDAY DEC. 25

**THE CITY** DJ Redd Fox-10; Top 40, soul, funk, reggae, n/c

DAVIS' Brimstone Sounds-11; Hip hop, reg-DOWNTOWN LOUNGE Scottie One & James

Green funk/reggae jam-10; n/c EL VAQUERO Sex & the City/Sopranos triv-

GOODFELLAS Johnny Wilde Band-9:30; n/c JOGGER'S DJ Tino-10; Hip hop, R&B, dancehall

JOHN HENRY'S 80s Night w/Chris. Dr. Ake

OVERTIME TAVERN West Side Blues Jam-8

PAPA'S SOUL FOOD KITCHEN Eric ROCK 'N' RODEO DJ Diamond G & Rob SPIRITS Cheap Truck-9, Classic rock, n/c

### FRIDAY DEC. 26

Scream'n'Lizards, Horribleistics,

AXE & FIDDLE Sounder, Jav Schlotterbeck Quartet-8:30; Blues/jazz, \$5 THE CITY DJ Simy-10; Top 40, hip hop

COZMIC PIZZA The Comedy Workout Post Holiday Jollies-7:30; Comedy, theater, \$5 DIABLO'S DJ Supa J-10; \$5

**DOWNTOWN LOUNGE** Tullis, Jaw Nee Now. Drebin-10; Blues, funk, \$5

THE EMBERS Mixed Blood-9: n/c EUGENE CITY BREWERY Mr. Bill's Trivia

HAPPY HOURS The Alliance Party Band-9:

INDIGO DISTRICT DJ Billy-10; Top 40, hip

JO FEDERIGO'S Joe Manis and friends-9;

JOGGER'S Club Motion w/DJ Tv-9:30: Hip

KOHO BISTRO/AZUL Byron Case, Skip

Jones, Tony Faggiolli–7; Blues, n/c LATITUDE 21 Brimstone Sounds–10; e dancehall hin hon \$3

LAVELLES Gus Russell–5:30; Jazz/blues piano, n/c

THE LOFT AT TURTLES The Sean Flannery Dorian Crow Duo-8: Jazz. n/c MAC'S AT THE VET'S CLUB London Flush-A Tribute to the Yarbirds-9:30: \$2

PEABODY'S Dan Henson-9: 70s/80s/90s.

ROCK 'N' RODEO DJ Diamond G & Rob

SAM BOND'S Water Tower String Band, Blair Street Mugwumps-9:30; Acoustic, \$5 SPIRITS Mr. Wizard-9; Classic rock, n/c SUPREME BEAN Gordon Kaswell-6; Folk jazz, blues, vocals, n/c

VET'S CLUB BALLROOM DJ Jose Cruz-10:

WANDERING GOAT Scrambled Ape-8; Cartoon jazz, n/c **WORLD FLAVORS** Paul Prince @ Island

Arts-9. Hawaiian n/c YUKON JACK'S Normal Bean-9

### SATURDAY DEC. 27

THE ASTORIA Cambio, Sea to City-9; \$5
AXE & FIDDLE The London Flush w/light show-8:30; \$5

THE CITY DJ Redd Fox-10: Top 40, hip hop. 80s/90s \$2-\$5

**CLUB SNAFU** The Audio Schizophrenic-9;

COZMIC PIZZA Jose Cruz Salsa

Dance-8:30; \$5 DIABLO'S DJ Supa J-10; \$5

DOWNTOWN LOUNGE Sauce Policy, Sol Serenade-10; Funk, \$5 **HAPPY HOURS** The Valley Boys-9; Rock,

INDIGO DISTRICT DJ Food Stamp-10; Party hin hon club \$2 (n/c stu.)

JO FEDERIGO'S Bate Estaca-9; \$5 JOGGER'S Club Motion w/VJ Ty-9:30; Hip

LATITUDE 21 Brimstone Sounds-10:30: Hip eton, dancehall, top 40, \$2 LAVELLES Gus Russell-5:30: Jazz/blues

THE LOFT AT TURTLES The Paul Orbell

LUCKEY'S Forever Growing-10; Funk, jazz,

MAC'S AT THE VET'S CLUB The

Survivors-9:30; \$3 MCDONALD THEATRE Buckethead, Portland Cello Proiect-8: \$25. \$28

PAPA'S SOUL FOOD KITCHEN Brothers of Beat & Papa Soul-9: n/c PEABODY'S Dan Henson-9; 70s/80s/90s,

QUACKER'S Ty Curtis-9; Blues, rock, \$3 ROCK 'N' RODEO DJ Diamond G-9; \$3 SAM BOND'S Moon Mountain Ramblers–9:30; Newgrass, acoustic, \$5 SPIRITS Mr. Wizard–9; Classic rock, n/c WANDERING GOAT Thanksgiving, Krebstar,

Pegasissy-8; Indie, \$5
YUKON JACK'S Normal Bean-9

### SUNDAY DEC. 28

COZMIC PIZZA Skinner City Old Time

Jam-7; n/c.
EL VAQUERO Open Mic hosted by Shady Glenn Willis-7:30

**JAZZ STATION** All-ages jazz jam-4; Do JO FEDERIGO'S Paul Orbell Trio-8:30: \$3

MAX'S Steve Ibach-8: n/c

MULLIGAN'S Open mic-8:30; n/c SAM BOND'S Unkle Nancy w/guests-8:30;

VILLARD ST. PUB Bingo-7: \$1

### MONDAY DEC. 29

DOWNTOWN LOUNGE Bingo-8; n/c



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TUESDAY Country Side (8)
Bugsy's (8)
Country Side (8)
Diablo's (10)
Goodfella's (9)

Joggers (9) Macho's Pizza (7) Mohawk Tavern (8) The O Bar (9)

WEDNESDAY The City (9) Mohawk Tavern (9) Pour House (9) Sam's Place (9)

THURSDAY Axe & Fiddle (7) The Cooler (9:30) Driftwood Bar (9) Diffwood Bai (9) Duck Inn (9) Earl's Juke Joint (7) Happy Hours (8:30) Macenzi's Too (8) Mohawk Tavern (9) Oak St. Speakeasy (9) O'Donnell's (9) The Old Pad (9) Village Inn (9)

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### TUESDAY DEC. 30

BLACK FOREST Rooster Blues Jam-7:30; n/ THE CITY DJ Redd Fox-10; Top 40, hip hop,

DOWNTOWN LOUNGE Open Mic-8; n/c INDIGO DISTRICT DJ Food Stamp-10; Hip hop, funk, soul, \$2 (n/c stu.) JA77 STATION Spirit of Jazz Jam-8: \$5

LUCKEY'S Jesse Meade, Girin Guha-10; Acoustic blues, \$2

MAX'S e. geek's Knowledge Knights-7:30: n/c MCSHANE'S Tricycle Races-9; n/c

PEABODY'S Patrick & Giri-7:30; Acoustic rock,

SAM BOND'S Bluegrass jam-9; n/c TABOO DJ Tekneek-10: Zvdeco, Caiun, Creole,

WORLD CAFE Open Mic-7

### WEDNESDAY DEC. 31

THE ASTORIA Face of Order, Issa, Lyckwyd, Hyding Jekyll-9; \$5

AXE & FIDDLE Guitar Recovery Project, Glutton Mouth, DJ Donald 5 Pennies-8:30; Soul, indie,

COZMIC PIZZA New Year's Eve w/Samba Ja,

THE CITY DJ InSAMity-10; Glitch, reggae, funk,

DAVIS' DJ Sunday Smith-10; Lounge, world

DOWNTOWN LOUNGE New Year's Studio 54 Party w/Jesse Lee Falls-8: \$7 EARL'S JUKE JOINT New Year's Eve Bash w/

Normal Bean-9; n/c EUGENE CITY BREWERY Bingo-7:30: n/c EUGENE HILTON The Essentials—9; Funk, soul,

INDIGO DISTRICT DJ Billy & DJ Food Stamp-10;

Hip hop, R&B, rock, dance, \$5 JOGGER'S DJ Tino-10; Hip hop, R&B, dancehall JOHN HENRY'S DJ Kal El vs. DJ Tekneek-10;

KOHO BISTRO/AZUL Rob Tobias, Ralph Novak-9; Jazz, blues, n/c LUCKEY'S Man Overboard, The Dead Americans,

Sid and Fancy–9:30; Pirate rock, pop \$5 MACENZI'S TOO Eagle Park Slim–9; Blues, n/c MAC'S AT THE VET'S CLUB Big Monti-9: Rock.

MAX'S The London Flush and Whiskey Moon-9:30; Jug band, Yardbirds tribute, \$4 MCDONALD THEATRE The Floydian Slips-9; \$20, \$25

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SPIRITS Greg Glass Project-9
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# **New Year's Confetti Jelly**

An auld acquaintance transformed by local wine

aking jelly is considered a summer sport, but shimmering, festive holiday jellies can be created with ingredients locally available in winter, too. I recently experimented with herbal jellies, using plants fresh and dried from my garden and newly ripened lemons from my little tree.

Many of us remember the ol' cream cheese pepper jelly appetizer served with crackers on the holidays. I suggest transforming this auld acquaintance with a festive confetti jelly: pale gold riesling gelled with tiny bits of chili pepper, lemon zest and rosemary. Usually, air pockets and flecks in a jar of homemade jelly are unwelcome, but this recipe requires you give the hot liquid a good stir with a whisk to create thousands of tiny bubbles - perfect to accompany your New Year's toast. Or to eat on toast.

The base of the jelly is dry riesling, a wine long associated with cheap swill in the PNW. Pay no heed. Willamette Valley wineries have been producing some excellent vintages at economical prices. Don't use the best stuff, since the flavor will be muted and altered by sugar and strong herbs. Keep it local by serving the jelly over our local Nancy's cultured cream cheese with home-baked spelt crackers. The savory-sweet jelly is also good as a glaze on roasts or roasted root vegetables, applied a few minutes before serving.

For this recipe, I am assuming you have basic jelly-making knowledge about how to sterilize your jars, use new lids and use a water bath canner. The standard resource is the Ball Blue Book of Preserving, available at Extension Service offices across the country, including ours. For canning safely, please be sure to use an updated guide. If you do not feel comfortable with canning, you can still pour the jelly into spotlessly clean jars and keep it in the refrigerator for no more than a month. Do not reduce the amount of sugar in the recipe, as it is needed to activate the pectin.

Happy New Year, Eugene!

Jennifer Burns Levin writes about local food at

### Rosemary Riesling Confetti Jelly

Makes five 8-ounce jars

- 3 1/4 cups dry riesling (1 bottle)
- 1 cup freshly cut and washed rosemary sprigs, about 3 inches in length, loosely packed
- 1 heaping tablespoon dried culinary lavender
- 1 organic lemon
- 1 package powdered pectin (regular)
- 4 cups sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes

Bring the water in a water bath canner to boil; wash and prepare your jars, lids and rings, following updated canning methods.

Make lemon zest and juice: Use a vegetable peeler to make three large (2" x 1") strips, and use a regular lemon zester to zest the rest of the lemon. Do not use a Microplane-type zester, which will not yield big enough bits. Set aside the large strips. Chop the small zest strips finely. Juice the lemon, reserving two tablespoons.

Make the confetti: Remove the rosemary leaves from one of the sprigs and chop finely. Combine the lemon zest, rosemary leaves and red pepper flakes. There should be about 1 tablespoon. Measure out the sugar into a bowl and mix in the confetti.

Combine the wine with the remaining rosemary sprigs, lavender and large lemon strips in a medium-sized pot. Bring the wine up to a simmer, then remove from heat and let steep for about 30 minutes.



After wine is thoroughly cool, mix it with the reserved lemon juice and powdered pectin. Mix well, breaking up pectin lumps. Bring mixture to a full rolling boil, stirring constantly, until the boil cannot be stirred down.

Add sugar, still stirring constantly, and allow mixture to come to a full boil again. Boil hard for one minute, then remove from heat. Skim foam from top, then give it a good, hard stir with a whisk to create bubbles. Immediately pour into hot jars. Seal and process in a water bath canner for 10





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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of IDELLA JOYCE DELL, Deceased. Case No. 50-08-26661. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Diana Coburn NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT DIBMA COOURT has been appointed personal representa-tive of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative in care of the personal representative's attorney, John F. Kieran, at 975 Oak Street, Suite 625, Eugene, Gregon 97401 within four months after the Oregon 97401, within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the pro-ceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published December 11, 2008.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY PROBATE DIVISION Case No. 50-08-25919 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Matter of the Estate of GERALD A. POUNDSTONE, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Carin N. Poundstone has been appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Gerald A. Poundstone Deceased All personal Representative of the State of Gerald A. Poundstone Deceased All personal Representative of the State of Gerald A. Poundstone Deceased All personal Representative of the State of Gerald A. Poundstone Deceased All personal Representative of the State of Gerald A. Poundstone Deceased All personal Representative of the State of Gerald A. Poundstone Deceased All personal Representative Deceased All Personal Gerald A. Poundstone, Deceased. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them with vouchers

attached to Melya Stylos, attorney for the Personal Representative, at the address listed below, within four months after the date of first publication of this Notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information. ceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or their attorney. Dated and first published December 24, 2008, Melva Stylos, OSB #071930, Melva Stylos, LLC, PO Box 51077, Eugene, Oregon, Telephone No. (541) 6 email: mstylos@stylos-law.com. 686-2634

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of PATRICIA W. ROBERTS, Trustor of the C. Sheldon Roberts and Patricia W. Roberts Revocable Trust U/T/A date October 26, 2007, as Amended, Deceased. Case No. 52-08-27765 NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS PURSUANT TO ORS 130.365 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned is the Trustee of the C. Sheldon signed is the Trustee of the C. Sheldon Roberts and Patricia W. Roberts Revocable Trust. U/T/A dated October 26, 2007, as Trust. U/T/A dated October 26, 2007, as Amended, (the "Trust"). All persons having claims against the Trust are required to present them, with vouchers attached within four months after the date of first publication of this Notice to the Trustee c/o Karnopp Petersen LLP, 1201 NW Wall Street, Suite 300, Bend, Oregon 97701, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Trustee, or the records of the court, the Trustee, or the attorneys for the Trustee. DATED and first attorneys for the Trustee. DATED and first published December 24, 2008. TRUSTEE: David M. Roberts, Roberts, Raspe & Blanton, LLP, Union Bank Plaza, 445 South Figueroa Street, Suite 3200, Los Angeles, California 90071 TEL: (213) 430-4774. ATTORNEY FOR TRUSTEE: KARNOPP PETERSEN LLP, James E. Petersen, OSB#640887, jep@karnopp.com. Erin K. MacDonald, OSB#024978, ekm@karnopp.com. 1201 NW Wall Street, Suite 300 Bend Orenon 97701-1957 TEI: Suite 300, Bend, Oregon 97701-1957. TEL: (541) 382-3011 FAX: (541) 388-5410. Of

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jean Mentzer has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the Estate of Jeffrey Mentzer, deceased, in Land Estate of Jeffrey Mentzer, deceased, in Lane County Circuit Court Case 50-08-26874. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below to the personal representative c/o Tami S.P. Beach, 401 East 10th Avenue, Suite 230, Eugene, OR 97401, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court the personal representative or the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Date of first publication: December 11, 2008. Jean Mentzer, P.O. Box 252, Cheshire, OR 97419. Tami S.P. Beach, 401 East 10th Avenue, Suite 230, Eugene, OR 97401.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Marsha fied as the personal representative of the Estate of Annis L. Cunningham, deceased, in fled as the personal representative of the Estate of Annis L. Cunningham, deceased, in Lane County Circuit Court Case 50-08-27371. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice as stated below to the personal this notice, as stated below to the personal representative c/o Tami S.P. Beach, 401 East 10th Avenue, Suite 230, Eugene, OR 97401, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the prowhose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Date of first publication: December 18, 2008. Marsha Bowling, P.O. Box 421, Veneta, OR 97487. Tami S.P. Beach, 401 East 10th Avenue, Suite 230, Eugene, OR 97401.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Nicole Tarricone has been appointed personal rep-resentative of the estate of Rodney Lee Stone, deceased, Lane County Circuit Court case number 50-08-25383. All persons have ing claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative in care of Andrew M. Ross, Attorney at Law, 220 E. 11th Ave., Ste. 12B, Eugene, OR 97401, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims amy be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorthe personal representative, or the attorney of the personal representative, Andrew M. Ross. Date and first published December 18, 2008

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE The Trustee under the terms of the Trust Deed described herein, at the direction of the Beneficiary, hereby elects to sell the prop-erty described in the Trust Deed to satisfy the obligations secured thereby. Pursuant

to ORS 86.745, the following information is provided: 1. PARTIES: Grantor: MICHAEL C. DREILING. Trustee: FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY OF OREGON. SUccessor Trustee: NANCY K. CARY. Beneficiary: WACHOVIA MORTGAGE, FSB fka WORLD SAVINGS BANK, FSB. 2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The real property is described as follows: LOT 2, BLOCK 13, FOURTH ADDITION TO EDGEWOOD ESTATES, AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN BOOK 32, PAGE 18, LANE COUNTY OREGON PLAT PAGE 18, LANE COUNTY OREGON PLAT RECORDING. The Trust Deed was recorded as follows: Date Recorded: December 2, 2005. Recording No. 2005-095993. Official Records of Lane County, Oregon. 4. DEFAULT. The Grantor or any other person DEFAULT. The Dead and Promissory obligated on the Trust Deed and Promissory Note secured thereby is in default and the Beneficiary seeks to foreclose the Trust Deed for failure to pay: Monthly payments in the amount of \$1,153.19 each, due the fifteenth (15th) of each month, for the months teenth (l5th) of each month, for the months of June through September 2008; plus late charges and advances; plus any unpaid real property taxes or liens, plus interest. 5. AMOUNT DUE. The amount due on the Note which is secured by the Trust Deed referred to herein is: Principal balance in the amount of \$178,827.95; plus interest at an adjustable rate pursuant to the terms of the adjustable rate pursuant to the terms of the Promissory Note from May 15, 2008; plus late charges of \$239.00; plus advances and foreclosure attorney fees and costs. 6. ELECTION TO SELL. The Trustee hereby ELECTION TO SELL. The Trustee hereby elects to sell the property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed. A Trustee's Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Terms of Trust Deed has been recorded in the Official Records of Lane County, Oregon. 7. TIME OF SALE. Date: February 26, 2009. Time: 11:00 a.m. Place: Lane County Courthouse, 125 E. 8th Avenue, Place or Report 8. RIGHT TO REINSTATE Eugene, Oregon. 8. RIGHT TO REINSTATE. Any person named in ORS 86.753 has the right, at any time prior to five days before right, at any time prior to five days before the Trustee conducts the sale, to have this foreclosure dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due, other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred, by curing any other default that is capable of height guide by tendering the performance. being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed and by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amount provided in ORS 86.753. Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to

Lisa Summers, Paralegal, (541) 686-0344 (TS #17368.30222). DATED: October 7, 2008. /s/ Nancy K. Cary, Successor Trustee, Hershner Hunter, LLP, P.O. Box 1475, Eugene, OR 97440. Date of first publication: December 18, 2008. Date of last publication: January 8, 2009.

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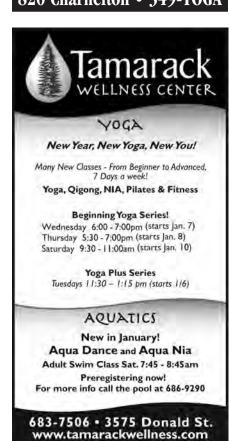


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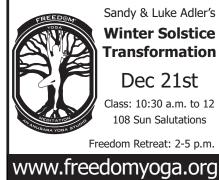














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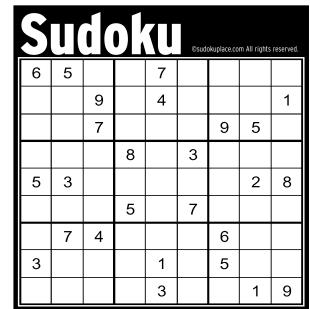
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**BY GUSTAVO ARELLANO** 

Dear Mexican: I was driving home on old King Road in San Jose, where a bunch of Mexicans live, and I noticed that almost every house has its Christmas lights still

hanging from the rafters and reindeer and Santa Claus decorations weathered by the hot sun on the roofs. It's the middle of May, ¿qué onda? I took it one step further, 'cuz I figure I have to have another source for my research. I went down on White Road (but only browns live there!). Same thing—X-mas lights hanging. Is my gente so festive that it's hard to get over the holiday cheer? I mean, my mom would give me nalgadas if I didn't take ours down the day

after the Reyes came and went. Your thoughts

on this holiday phenomena? - Confused Wab

Dear Wab: Mexicans never get over the Navidad because we never stop partying — everyone knows that! In fairness, our celebration of the winter holidays goes on much longer than *gabacho* Christians. We start off with Las Posadas, a recreation of Mary and Joseph's search for lodging in Bethlehem that occurs daily for eight days up until Christmas Eve and always involves caroling, piñatas and pozole. Christmas Eve brings the Rosary at an aunt's house, tamales and flirting with your second cousin; Misa del Gallo (Rooster's Mass) celebrates the birth of the Nazarene at midnight and follows with more food. The actual Christmas holiday is an afterthought, because Mexican kiddies traditionally don't receive their presents until Jan. 6 — what *gabachos* call Epiphany, and Mexicans deem el Día de los Reyes Magos (The Feast Day of the Magi). Then comes the cruelest form of child abuse Mexican parents can inflict on their *niños* — giving them an Xbox 360 package stuffed with ... underwear and socks.

I asked you a question a couple of months ago. I don't regularly read your column, so can you email me to let me know when it's going to run? – Chula in Chula Vista

Dear Readers: For my year-end column, I usually run a question where someone calls me a pussy for not answering their misspelled rant. But over the past year, I've received variants of the above pregunta much more often. The answer ultimately remains the same: patience, gabachos, negritos, chinitos, mariposas, wabs and everyone else who reads this column: patience. The ¡Ask a Mexican! archive is now about 260 pages of preguntas I've yet to answer. To specifically *contestar* the above question: *lo siento*, but I will *not* alert you when I finally get to your - who do you think I am, a pinche Google alert? Nor will I individually answer you, as that would cut into my salary and I'd then have to take up my second job at the corner of 7-11 selling fake phone cards. However, my promise remains: I will eventually respond in my column, whether in a week or in a couple of years. It's your duty to read the Mexican, week in, week out, until I get there, and continue to spread my Gospel in the meanwhile.

And ustedes have done an amazing job of that. 2008 has seen the Mexican invade 39 newspapers so that more than two million people read the dead-tree edition of this column and *muchos* more online. Gracias, thank you, thank you for all your nice words, angry screeds and spicy señoritas who become my MySpace friends; without your support, I'd be fighting a Guatemalan for a broom. The Mexican will be in Mexico next week trying to smuggle in the last of his relatives into los Estados *Unidos*, so a "Best of" column will appear in its place; after that week, though, back to your queries about dwarves, anal sex and what that has to do with corn tortillas. Feliz Navidad, Próspero Año Nuevo, and don't let la migra catch you!

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- 31 Geologicial time period 32 Funk
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- 39 Lived and breathed 40 "A Death in the Family" author James
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- 44 When some evening news is broadcast
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- 53 Recruiter's goal, maybe
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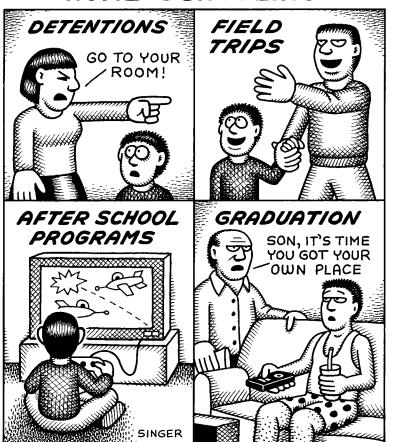
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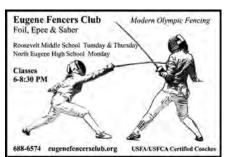
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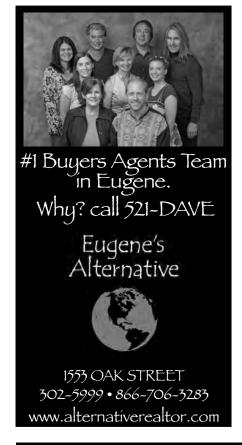
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Hi.I am coming to the area soon and my sis has signed me up here to meet a nice guy. I enjoy Eugene and Country F Greengal, 44, 53, #102843

### **NEW TO TOWN**

I tend to wander, but am not lost, I have explored the world, but am finding peace here in my new home. Looking for a companion MountainGoat, 27, (4102833)

### ARTFUL, COMPASSIONATE,

ROMANTIC
Im a bright, sincere woman looking for those qualities in men.Hope for sparks in this equation! Love nature, movies, art, and antiques.Enjoy good food, yet balance staying fit. southernbelle, 52, 13, #102787

### NEW TO FLIGENE

I'm a laidback single mother who just moved to eugene about 6 months ago.i'm looking to meet new ppl and maybe find a decent the rest. guy different from the r Krystalk11, 22, 100, #102802

### WHAT UP GIRL

Me: Outgoing, student, free spirit. Espresso roma, wow hall, skinner butte. Hove the Eug. Need anoth butte, flove fletus, weed another grogeous girl to tackle this town with. Must love reggae and Arrested Development. Breezy, 19, 102, 1102788

### **GODDESS SEEKS LOVER**

Seeking capable, big, tall lover for sweet but HOT evenings with a REAL woman. I am very sexy and I enjoy hot tubs, being wined and dined, and lingerie. sexygoddess, 41, 42, 102783

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People who love me say I am generous, loyal, honest, intelligent and beautiful. Others say I can be challenging, difficult, and passionate. Why not all? What say you? diamondeyes68, 40,



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### CUDDLING TEDDY BEAR

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### WITTY LINE HERE

I am a down to earth girl. What do you love to do? I am a Pisces and they say my perfect match is a Cancer, who are "they" really?

### SEXY HOT DYKE

hey i am 23 and a taurus i am a hopeless romantic i love making people laugh and going out to movies.smokes pot.hot and sexy, cuddles too. Taytoni, 23, 100,

### RED MEAT

### WALKING CONTRADICTION



### another and see what happens Itsnotme, 31, 22, 102, 1102546

OLDER OUTGOING OPTIMIST Looking for fun women to date or hang out with. Diablo's, Sat. OCT 11th, 5-9 PM. 5'2", red ball cap from Vegas, pool, dance, lis enjoy:. huskyluv49, 59,

### **FULL OF ENERGY**

I'm heavily involved in community musical theater. I love to create and learn new things. I love dance and anything else that is active. **Spring127**, **19**, #102238

### DUDE! STOP HIDING

Im 18, have a good head on my shoulders, and take care of myself in and out! Where are all the other young femms! stop hiding! ahha, im friendly :). DevilNthesky, 18, 5,

### PASSION NO RELIEF

as it says im looking for tht spe-cial friend to cuddle with after an hour or two of love mail seceretvanity7, 24, #102939

### NATURAL, FUN-LOVING THINKER

THINKER
I love walking, hiking, biking, red
wine and conversation. I'm sincere, affectionate and a good
communicator and I'm looking
for the same. Music and readingcost live without them twohearts47, 61, 102933

### **GOOFY YET CLEVER**

I'm fun, love music! Love nature, love eugene, work with kids(6-18) am in a band, diverse friends, Eugene local, bike everywhere, 

### WONDER

You did. eh? Well

I certainly enjoyed them, nevertheless.

don rickles/the hulk/one point smarter than you can count-always. olmec, 39, #102916 LOVER OF LIFE Tall Dark a

Tall, Dark,and Passionate,Left leaning intellectual - Gemini just can't stand the bullshit and headgames.Looking for Good looking, Grounded, Bright, Sexy, Optimistic, Fun Loving, Classy, Woman without major Daddy/Men issues For a Powerful Relationship. Clarity a must! Mrhands, 56, #102910

### LET'S HANG OUT

Let's go kayak sledding in the snow or go catch some music. Let's do something where we don't have to be quiet! I'm all etc. **Nekko**, **37**, **100**, **#101388** 

### **GOLD HEARTED BIKERDUDE** young heart, kids part time, great father, great partner, loyal,

honest, responsible, sensual fun, romantic, hard worker, good teeth, strong bones, big hands, touchy-feely, adventurous, intelligent, guite the keeper actually. Harleyguy, 50, #102908

### TRAVELWISE

IKAVELWISE

Its hard trying to describe myself. I chalk most of my life up to experience, and there have been too many to list. Cagney, 46, 3, #102854

### **NEED SOME TAIL!!** 30 years old, 5'9" 150 lbs, athlet-

Ha! Ha! If you expect to go toe-to-toe with the maestro, little lady...I'm afraid you have to pull out the heavy weaponry.

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What?!? It doesn't bother you even the teensiest bit?

ic toned physique. lookin' for a nice girl to turn into a nympho-maniac. i don't care what you like. fit4130bmx, 30

MOTHA FUCKIN ROCKSTAR Single and laid back just wanna find someone laid back who wants to hang out and see what happens must love to go out and be easy on the eyes. **chris2620**, **25**, **25**, **1028**, **25** 



### SHY LOCAL TRUCKER

looking for friendship, relation-ship, companionship - you are patient, have good personality like walks on beach, sunsets, ani mals - wanna hang out ar re it goes? **trion45**, **45**, 🛍, #102324

### KIND. NOT PUSHOVER

i'm nice, easy to know, i love to write, cuddle but i'm not without my wild werewolf, any info you want ask me yourself alright?? if i like you, I'LL LET YOU KNOW. blackfeather, 23, #102225



### JUST FRIENDS

### DOWNHOME DEVIANT? im aching for more in life but have more on my plate than i can possibly handle. make sense? didnt think so. welcome make make to my world. poopoomanny, 33, #102903

### ALOHA NUI LOA Crazy wild and free this is who is strive to be. namaste. napulelestrive to be. namaste. **hua**, **23**, **102900**

### WARM AND FUZZY

looking for someone sweet,cute,sense of humorand taste forthe absurd . drama queens or persons with drug,alcohol,or mental health issues need apply.If you enjoy travel,dining out and good com-pany,Im the one. **fleetus**, **64**, **#102889** 

### **FUN, SILLY, FRIENDLY**

New to the area and looking for new friends to hang out with. I love to do things outdoors (hik ing, camping, going on road trips) and movies/game ktotharista, 25, 50, #102872 mes.

### WACKY BLEACH-BLONDE VEGAN

Me: elementary ed student at LCC, housing co-oper. Enjoy dancing, hoola hooping, bicycles, live music, coloring, whole plant foods, hanging out, new friends or 2) Your gaze like to have fun (or..?) You: care, like to have fun. **Mojo**, **19**, **102850** 



I SAW YOU

### WHO'S "TRANCEPRINCE"?

100% match. You are Trance Prince.Friends? I am young-looking 33,corazon grande, open mind, love music, art, laughs Maybe see you at Cafe Roma or Bier Stein soon?("that's what she said..")Tell me Espanol dreams? When: Saturday, December 20, 2008. Where: match profile. You: Man. Me: Woman. #900467

Everytime I say hello, you never remember me. Now you will hopefully =]. Until we meet in passing again, take care. When: Friday, December 19, 2008. Where: Eugene Station (mostly). You: Woman. Me: Man. #900466

### ROW YOUR GOAT....

days of yester are past and life ain't always what it may seemme neither. THANKS- YOU. Here's to being present... HAPPY NEW YEAR... When: Friday, December 19, 2008. Where: a fantastic flic. You: Man. Me: Woman. #900463

But we've missed a few, have we not? Panama, not Florida... soon. I have something for you Sky, call me, I cant call you. PHX When: Saturday, September 27, 2003. Where: New Frontier market. You: Woman. Me: Man. 1900/462

### GOING UPHILL

GOING UPHILL
Should have offered you and
your friend a ride! Didn't think I'd
make it, then afraid if I went back
down, I'd get stuck. Hope things
worked out okay. When: Friday,
December 19, 2008. Where:
Willamettes St., You: Man. Me:
Woman #000461 Woman #900461

### <u>free\_will\_astrology</u> BY ROB BREZSNY

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Most people spend their entire lives immersed in three modes of awareness: waking, sleeping, and dreaming. But there are many other modes that have been explored down through the ages by the pioneers of consciousness. Some of them aren't very interesting to me – like those sought out by people who use cocaine or methamphetamines, for instance - while others are states I aspire to inhabit, like lucid dreaming, deep meditation, and a visceral perception of the fact that love is the fundamental law of the universe. I bring this line of thought to your attention, Aries, because I believe that in 2009 you will have excellent opportunities to open up your mind to levels of consciousness that are beyond the basic three. No drugs are necessary to take advantage – only a driv-ing curiosity to tune in to realities that are currently outside of your field of vision.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): In the original Constitution of the United States, adopted in 1787, each black slave living in America was counted as three-fifths of a person. Seventy-eight years later, the Thirteenth Amendment conferred the missing two-fifths on all who had up until then been regarded as partial humans. I predict that a comparable milestone will come for you in 2009, Taurus. Where in your life have you been marginalized or perpetually unfinished? What fragmented role have you been compelled to play? What situation has prevented you from being all you can be? Yo have an excellent chance of completing the circuit in the coming

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): According to the novelist John Gardner, there are just two kinds of stories in literature: you go on a journey, or a stranger arrives in your world. According to my analysis of your destiny in 2009, you will reap rich rewards by including both of those plotlines in your life story. So let the brainstorming begin, Gemini: What's the best journey you could choose for yourself - a journey that will educate, challenge, and delight you? And what can you do to attract the best kinds of strangers into your world – strangers who will educate, challenge, and delight you?

CANCER (June 21-July 22): To get ready for 2009, I invite you to fantasize in depth about the fertile alliances that might be possible for you to cultivate in the coming months. These lively, inspiring bonds could be with people you haven't met yet. They could be with acquaintances you barely know but would like to know better. And they could be with friends, collaborators, and loved ones you're already intimate with but want to become even closer to. The coming year has the potential to bring revolutionary advances in the quality and intensity of your relationships, so it will be smart for you to work hard on making that happen.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): "What do I long for?" should be a core

question for you – always, of course, but especially in 2009. Are you adventurous enough to look beyond the status symbols your ego is

nection with your soul's deepest yearnings. And when you're in daily touch with those primal motivators, the obstacles in your life will seem less overwhelming; the lies you tell yourself will dissolve; and you will consistently have crisp intuitions about what your next move must be. Life may not necessarily be a breeze, but it'll be profoundly magical. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): When I predict that liberation will be one of your primary tasks in 2009, Virgo, I'm not speaking about it

attached to and the transitory wishes that constantly flit through

your imagination? If so, you'll prime yourself to establish a root con-

in the usual way. The definition I'm working with is one that the writer David Foster Wallace articulated: "The really important kind of freedom involves attention and awareness and discipline, and being able truly to care about other people and to sacrifice for them over and over in myriad petty, unsexy ways every day." I hope you'll be moved to add other nuances and flourishes to that approach as you experiment with it liberally in the coming months

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): "I saw the angel in the marble and I carved until I set him free." That was Michelangelo talking about how he approached his work as a sculptor. He didn't build the statue, in other words, but got rid of the unnecessary stuff that was surrounding it. I suggest that you try this approach in 2009. You have the potential to create a great thing - maybe even two great things - by chiseling away the extraneous material that's obscuring their unique

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): In 2009, don't just tune in to your hunches now and then. Be more diligent and intense than that. Check in with your intuition at least three times a day on all 365 days of the year. Be precise in the questions you pose it. Gather its clues craftily. Have fun as you joke and play with it. Conscientiously experiment with the suggestions it provides. This will be the year you can establish a steady, reliable connection with your inner voice. Be devout in your dedication to the cult of your intuition!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Want to supercharge your luck in 2009? Get yourself some vivid new superstitions. The more outrageous they are, the more likely it is they'll generate lots of crazy sweet karma. You might want to draw inspiration from pro football player John Henderson, for instance, who swears he can trick destiny into working in his favor if his trainer smacks him in the face before each game. Former hockey player Bruce Gardiner might also be a worthy role model. To rev up his good fortune, he always shoved his hockey stick into a toilet prior to skating out onto the ice. JUST KIDDING, Sagittarius! In fact, I hope you will make 2009 your least superstitious year ever. Let's drink a toast to lucid logic, impeccable objectivity, and cool, clean reason! Add some compassionate sarcasm and loving satire into the mix, and you will generate lots of crazy sweet karma

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The most expensive bat mitzvah in history took place at New York's Rainbow Room in Novemb 2005. David Brooks, a billionaire defense contractor, spent \$10 million on his daughter's rite of passage. Among the stars he hired to perform at the bash were Aerosmith, Tom Petty, Nelly, and 50 Cent. Promise me, Capricorn, that if you get wealthy in the coming year, you won't blow your money on ridiculous "luxuries" like that. Here's a secret: The more high-minded you are in cultivating your dreams, the greater the likelihood is that you'll get richer quicker.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Imagine you're driving down a very wide highway that's 50 lanes across even though there are no lines dividing one lane from another. Speed limit signs aren't posted, and some vehicles are zipping along in zigzag paths at over 100 mph while others crawl along like old-lady turtles. Now and then you've got to weave your way through a congested area where many onramps all feed into the road simultaneously. You haven't seen an offramp yet, and you're not sure where to get off anyway. I figure, Aguarius, that 2008 had some resemblance to the scenario I just described. Luckily, I predict that no later than your birthday, you will find an off-ramp and exit onto an uncluttered backroad with great scenery.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): "How do you slay the dragon?" journalist Bill Movers asked mythologist Joseph Campbell in an interview. By "dragon," he was referring to the dangerous beast that symbolizes the most unripe and uncontrollable part of each of our lives. In reply to Moyers, Campbell didn't suggest that you become a master warrior, nor did he recommend that you cultivate high levels of sleek, savage anger. "Follow your bliss," he said simply. Personally, I don't know if that's enough to slay the dragon – I'm inclined to believe that you also have to take some defensive measures – t it's definitely worth an extended experiment. Would you consider trying that in 2009?

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### YOU GOOD ENOUGH?

nothing serious, just something to get me hot. tattoos a plus. i like being fun and playful in the bedroom but i need a man to leasurekitty1985, 23,

ALLUREKITTY The next phase in my me Allurekat, 44, 102675

NEED MORE EXCITEMENT Life is short so let's enjoy it Liven up my Sex life. Be Rea eager4more, 47, 3, #102654

### WORKMEOUT

What is a Queen Baby?It isn't a female dom. Queen Baby is a submissive who is not only disci-plined by her Daddy, but pameenBaby, 30, #102493

### CURIOUS KINKY

HARRISBURGER
Always looking to try new things
and experiment. I'm usually the
dominant partner, but i enjoy
being the submissive one come being the submissive one sometimes. **Biegler66**, **19**, **10**, **#102342** 

### **FUN&LOVE IN ONE**

I'm hyper, sweet, and passionate. I'm looking for someone who can be with me for me. I'm about to finish High School but for the record, I'm young, not stupid.

### SEX DEPRIVED WOMAN

I don't know a whole lot about being kinky (gives a guy a chance to teach me) Not necessarily looking for anything long term, just some fun for n sexyblonde, 21, \$\overline{\text{LO1640}}\$



HOT MAMA

Seeking a woman who is interested in getting to know one another, then see what happens if we play or not. **justbudding**, **52**, **☎.** #102824

### LOOKING FOR..

Looking for fun first but maybe more. Just casual now, but not against more. I am very laid back.... JRC, 25, #102408

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### **LETS HAVE FUN**

blow my cover... She's so hard to find. So take it easy. Don't let the sound of your own wheels drive you crazy. peaceface, 20, 100, 1102754

### **SEXY LITTLE VIXEN**

SWF: Bi-sexual, 40, attractive, blonde/blue, 105 lbs. I love foreplay & pleasure and am looking for a female to play with, "NSA" 1-on-1 or possible 3-some with my man. littlevixen, 47,  $\approx$ , #102363



### PASSIONATE PLEASURE

i want a sexually attractive female or male preferably with tattoos, piercings or body mods, clean, that just gets the urge to fuck beautiful people ... fun, 19, #102528

### LICK ME

LICK ME
I'm looking for a woman (some couples ok) who is into hours of oral pleasures. I'm new but am wet and willing... let's see if we're a match. naughtymommy, 28, #102330

### BORED AND HORNY Would like to have some fun without judgment. WitchBaby, 21, #101941

### **SEXY GIRLIE GIRL**

with preference for transmen, also into butches and men seekalso into butches and men seek-ing honest, kind, passionate per-son with intact sense of humor to date, play with, FWB's. Want stimulating conversation and fantastic chemistry I offer what I seek. trannylover, 32,

### I WANT PLEASURE

I'm bored & tired of this vanilla world. I like 2 get what I want & please others. Live life to the full extent of what you im what you want. **DESIRE**, **24**,



MEN SEEKING WOMEN

JUST WANT SEX just want to get off, maybe have a few nights of meeting. just hard sex. **rusty**, **24**, **#102860** 

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Looking for adventurous/risque play with someone in good shape like me. Not interested in drama. Am interested in sharing good food and fun sex of one kind or another. **bikesarefun**, **30**, #102937

### HORNY, VAGINAL, BJS i want to have sor hotnhorny, 20, #102932

SPANKME I have been bad I need to be spanked. **spankme1969**, **44**, **#102931** 

### P.H.D. FEMALE ORGASM!!!

Hello ladies, Just out of long relationship and ready to play alittle. If you want a man that will never dissapoint. Look no further Lorido my solf in plassing. Conan15, 32, (#102912

### UNFORGETTABLE

Looking for that person that is just right... Where you just fit no change required... That's what i change required... That's what i want. thomas2gillett2003, 30, want. thoma:

TIME IS ENOUGH timely manners, timely matters. inca, 39, #102883

### FRESH AND READY

I am young and adventurous, looking for somebody to have a good ol time with. Creative type have fun! rain1810, 21, #102878

### FOR YOUR PLEASURE

30 words only??? that sucks!! im a guy.... we can get off easily. thats why my fetish and/or intrests are solely on giving women the most incredible, mul godsgift2u, 29, 102863



MEN SEEKING MEN

### **BONDAGE TOP**

Bondage Top, 36, seeks other men 21-40 who want to be tied up. This is all about domination an role-playing, not sex. You'll have a fun and suspenseful night! TopMan, 36, #102539

### LOOKING FOR DADDY

Looking for an experienced older man to show me how to be a good, submissive boy toy for him and his friends. I'm yours for th taking. **rustboy62**, **24**, **#102477** 

### **LEARNING LIMITS, SIR**

want to realize my fantasies.... slim, submissive, obedient, and seeking a patient, experienced master who will train me and teach me what i am to do.... can-cerian, 38, #102375

IT'S ALL GOOD!
I'm a "daddy" who loves doing/watching sex. I like gentle, slow buildup to a happy ending for both of us, or the three or four of us. Eugene\_Guy, 60, #102336



### SOLIDLY SEXY

Looking for a hot woman, or two women, or a couple m/w, who want discreet, occassional nsa play with a clean and fit man. be sane yet wild and kinky. hotrick4u, 25, #102907

### LUSTFULL PLEASURES

i am looking for people to have some fun with and explore our sexuality...new to the game but lots to bring to the table, must en minded. nitsu 33 🗖 #102779

### I'M ALL YOURS looking for hot sensual discreet encounter bi white male. viking11, 42, #102743

### MID-LIFE NEEDS

SM seeks bi-or gay male or bi-M/F couple for mutual satisfac-tion. Well endowed, a turn-on. If M/F, woman should partipate. Am attractive, disease-free You be. Try this on! Friendly, 65, #102449



### SEXYPAIR SEEKING

Sexy, fun, curious, clean couple looking to invite a hot female into the bedroom for mutual pleasure. Never been with a woman before, but thinking about it gets me hot. CuriousSexKitten, 24, #102915

### BLONDEKARABLONDE

im a quiet and very private women with the need of a deep friendship with alot more wink wink drop me a line, its all good. wink , drop me a line ,its all go oo7blonde, 39, (102896)

### PRETTY COUPLE SEARCHING

We're beautiful, clean and responsible; experimental and naughty; lusty and loving; pervy, devious and sweet, and we're looking for someone to play with. prettypeople, 34,  $\approx$ , 102892





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# Savage Love

WORDS OF PURE WISDOM by Dan Savage



I'm a 34-year-old straight woman living with a 32-year-old straight man. His daughter is 2, and I am the only mother she has ever known. (Her real mother is a crack whore somewhere.) My boyfriend tells me he loves me, but it doesn't feel like he wants to spend any time with me. I pay the rent and am the only person in our household with a full-time job. When I get home, I want to relax. He wants to go out because he has been sitting at home all day. If he hasn't been at home, he has been running around with his friends. This pisses me off, and I am not afraid to tell him so. His response? "You're just jealous because you have to work!" Damn right I'm jealous!

Also, I do all the cooking and don't get any help with cleanup or housework.

Other factors include my 13-year-old son, who has had trouble adjusting to a baby in the house; my boyfriend's outstanding warrants; and the fact that I have desperately wanted another baby for 10 years. What on earth should I do?

Back Against The Wall

Here's one occupational hazard of the advice-column bidness: If you're not careful, if you're not constantly on your guard, you can fill your column with letters like BATW's. Your column fills up with letters from people asking, in essence, "DTMFA?" and you're forced to respond, "Yes, for fuck's sake, DTMFA." (For those of you just tuning in: DTMFA stands for "dump the motherfucker already.") You may be helping people, sure, but your column quickly becomes a tedious slog, people stop reading, and then you have to get a real job at an auto plant or a hedge fund or a daily newspaper.

But there is one good reason to run DTMFA letters: You can dispose of the letter

quickly – keep the baby, if at all possible, BATW, and DTMFA the freeloading, inconsiderate piece of shit – and move on to more interesting topics.

For instance: A new study out from the Bradley Hasbro Children's Research Center found that "anal sex is on the rise" among straight teenagers and young adults.

According to a heavy-breathing report from ABC News, straight kids are having butt sex 'to please a partner, to have sex without the risk of pregnancy, or to preserve their vir

I'm old enough to remember when getting fucked in the ass was considered a sex act, something that virgins, almost by definition, shied away from. But that was before kids were subjected to religious indoctrination masquerading as sex-ed. Abstinence "educators" emphasize the importance of virginity-but they only talk about vaginal intercourse because they figure if we don't tell kids about anal sex they'll never figure out what brown can do for them. But they do figure it out. And lacking accurate info, kids aren't just concluding that anal sex isn't really sex. ("Otherwise it would've been

kids aren't just concluding that anal sex isn't really sex. ("Otherwise it would've been covered in our sex-ed classes, right?") Kids are telling researchers that anal intercourse, unlike the premarital vaginal intercourse they were warned about (STDs! pregnancy! eternal damnation!), carries no risk of disease. (I can't wait to tell all my dead friends!) I wanted to scream and yell about this study – and a DTMFA letter leaves plenty of room – but then I figured, you know, fuck it. I've been ranting and raving about the idiocy of abstinence education for 10 years. Obviously I can't beat 'em, so I might as well join 'em. All my life I've had to listen to fundamentalist Christian bigots like Pat Robertson and Rick Warren – Rick Warren, Obama? – fume about all the terrible, no good, really bad sodomy gay men get up to. But I haven't been sodomizing the boyfriend all these years! I've been preserving his virginity.
I've been preserving the shit out of my boyfriend's virginity for 14 years now. If my

boyfriend ever decides to marry a woman – miracles can happen! – he'll be able to wear white at his wedding. Hell, he's so pure he can wear Saran Wrap at his wedding. And his wife will have me to thank for delivering him to her with his virginity intact. (Unfortunately, the boyfriend can't preserve my virginity. As a teenager, I had actual vaginal intercourse, under duress, with an actual female's actual vagina.) But until the boyfriend meets the right girl, I'm going to keep preserving the living shit out of his virginity. His virginity isn't going anywhere – not on my watch.

My girlfriend's parents are very wealthy and are paying for her education. They also bought her an apartment and give her tons of spending money. My dad is dead(beat) and my mom is a waitress, and I'm paying my way through school. My girlfriend demands gifts and flowers. I pay for everything when we go out. Other than this, she's sweet and attractive. Once I graduate and start working, I'll be happy to pay for everything. But how do I convince her that things have to be more egalitarian for the time being without losing her?

Boyfriend Reeling Over Killer Expenses P.S. She's only ever physically affectionate after I've spent money on her

DTMFA, BROKE. And here's hoping that the girlfriend's parents invested all their money with Bernard Madoff, and that the spoiled-rotten little whore they raised has to

get a job and start pulling her own weight.

And, hey, here's another interesting study: While straight kids are busily boning each other's butts – the better to preserve their virginities! – gay teenagers are knocking each other up. According to a study out of the University of British Columbia, lesbian and gay teenagers are seven times likelier to get knocked up than their straight peers. How the hell does that happen? Well, gay teens are having straight sex in order "to prove they are heterosexual to avoid harassment and discrimination" by their parents

and peers. In other words, gay kids are still having heterosexual sex under duress.

So this is where abstinence education and homophobia have gotten us: Gay kids are having vaginal intercourse and straight kids having anal intercourse. Good work, sexphobes!

I've been reading your column since I was 13. I'm 20 now and dating a 41-year-old crossdresser. We were friends for six months before he told me he wouldn't be able to spend time with me anymore unless we "got closer." A couple months later, he told me he is into pegging. Now, pegging is all he wants to do. He also told me that he wants to transition from male to female, but he changed his mind and stopped going to his appointments. All that is background to what has been happening recently. When we fight lately, he makes threatening gestures like he is going to punch me. He also pulls my hair and chokes me. He refuses to apologize and tells me I deserve it. I don't know what to do.

You've been reading my column since you were 13, WAS, and you don't know what to do? DTMFA – right fucking now, this fucking minute, without fucking delay. Choking and hair-pulling is physical abuse; telling you that you "deserve it" is emotional abuse. And those raised fists – not very ladylike of him, I must say – are a prologue to more extreme acts of abuse. DTMFA. You deserve better, and he – well, he deserves to be pegged by a predator drone.

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